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A Valentine from the Heart

By Marilou Newell

One day as Bruce Rocha mowed his parcel of land located on Driscoll Lane, his mind wandered a bit from his labors. He'd been taking care of the family's field for decades as far back as the mid-1960s. The Rochas farmed the land, growing vegetables in season and trees. For a time, animals roamed the farm pasture.

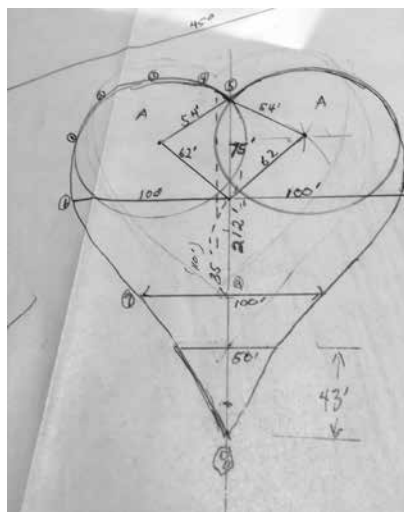
At its height of productivity and his youthful aspirations, Rocha sold his crops to the local A&P where the 7-Eleven now stands.

That was years and years ago; in more recent years he's simply kept the plot neat and tidy. Yet as his thoughts meandered, Rocha came to "see" a shape forming. The blades of his mower seemed to be carving out something much more than clean rows of mown grasses.

"It appeared to be a heart shape," he recalled.

Like an inspired artist, Rocha began the process of sculpting out a heart in the field. It took approximately three years to get the massive, 200-by-250-foot Valentine-shaped heart to resemble his vision, but today it can be clearly seen on Google mapping images.

To create the textured appearance and define the edges of the heart, Rocha employs different blade heights. An interior



ring of some 200 Christmas trees helps to define the space. Those trees will be harvested and more planted, he said. His right-hand man and artistic partner, grandson Tyler Rocha (son of Bruce Rocha Jr. and Lyn Hollis) will handle that endeavor.

And speaking of trees, Rocha's wife of more than 60 years, Bette-Jean, has been a member of the Mattapoisett Tree Committee in the past

On the Cover: A look from the sky at the Valentine heart created off Driscoll Lane in Mattapoisett by Bruce Rocha in celebration of his hometown and dedicated to Bette-Jean, his wife of six decades. The Valentine heart is now an official geocaching site, and in an adventurous quest the Rocha family have visited over 1,000 registered sites. Photo courtesy of Google Maps

and noted, "I'm for the trees, that's partly why we planted them there."

The Rocha family are a bit of an adventuresome clan. Bruce and Bette-Jean have traveled the globe in pursuit of "geocaching" sites. He proudly shared that his Valentine heart is now one of those sites.

For the uninitiated, geocaching is a sport and a game in which participants search for sites of all sorts - think scavenger hunting. Upon finding the site that is listed on the geocaching

website, names can be inscribed in a logbook and small mementos can be collected and/or new items left for the next adventurer to find. For those whose interest is now piqued, you will find the details at geocaching.com. There is a surprising number of locations right here in Mattapoisett.

The Rochas have visited an astounding



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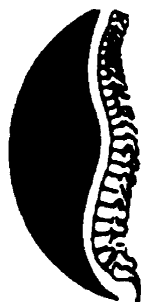


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3,500 geocaching sites all over the world, but Tyler can boast his count is up to 5,000 locations. To add to the context of Tyler's adventures, he is something of a local champion with five off-road titles with the New England Trail Riding Association and three with the Pilgrim Sands Trail Riders. To quote the old-fashioned saying, "Don't let grass grow under your feet," this next generation of the Rocha family seems to have taken that to heart. (Pun intended.)

Speaking with Rocha about his family's adventures and creative landscaping efforts took us down several paths of inquiry. That's because Rocha was born on Route 6 when the roadway still meandered along Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road. He cannot talk about his hometown without conjuring up memories of bygone days, the people and the places. When he declares that creating the heart on family land felt right because it is more or less in the geographical center of the area he grew up in, Rocha is serious. "It felt right and is in the heart of the community," he said.

Rocha's own beating heart has always been in Mattapoisett. He said that during the war years his father's work required that the family move to East Bridgewater, thus he did not attend local school. However, something much more significant occurred – he met and married Bette-Jean.

The Rochas would return to Mattapoisett, raise their family of two sons and a daughter and build successful businesses.

And that beautiful heart, created by inspired planning and nurtured to be a symbol of enduring love of place and family, is dedicated as one would imagine - to Bette-Jean.

ORR Students' Artwork Recognized in Two Competitions

Emerging Young Artists (Eya) 2022 Juried Exhibition

The artwork of Old Rochester Regional High School seniors Autumn Tilley, Isabella Correia and Makayla Semiao was selected to be featured in the Emerging Young Artists Juried Exhibition, which is being held online this year. The selected works was featured on the College of Visual and Performing Arts' website through February 6.

The EYA is hosted annually by the College of Visual and Performing Arts at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. The program received submissions from 656 students this year, from which 178 works were selected to be in the exhibition. The work featured will represent students from dozens of schools around New England.

Tilley's piece is titled "Traversing the Static." This digital

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drawing explores the mentally draining qualities of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder. According to Tilley, her goal was to evoke feelings similar to OCD in the viewer through her composition choices, specifically mark-making and use of color.

In addition to being chosen as part of the exhibit, Tilley's piece received an Honorable Mention award.

Correia's piece, which is made of charcoal and watercolor, is titled "Vulnerability." The piece explores Correia's feelings and emotions associated with human connection. The piece contains depictions of nudity and may not be appropriate for all audiences.



Semiao's piece, a black-and-white photograph that was captured in a park, is titled "Flower

Child." Semiao is proud of the composition and range of values in the image. She plans to include the photo in her portfolio to

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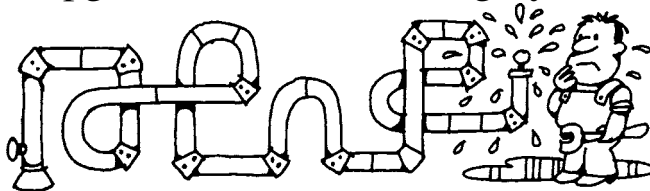
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Seniors Emma Levasseur and Talia DeLeo were recognized in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, which is the nation's longest-running recognition program for creative teens. Students in grades 7-12 (ages 13 and up) can apply in 28 categories of art and writing. All entries are considered for Gold Key, Silver Key and Honorable Mention, as well as other recognitions.

The Massachusetts region of the program is sponsored by the Boston Globe and run by the School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University.

Levasseur's piece titled "Distorted Love" earned a Silver Key as part of this year's awards. Levasseur set up a photoshoot using colored light sources to represent her interpretation of a song, portraying a young woman feeling destroyed by love.

DeLeo's piece "Trash" received an Honorable Mention award in the contest. She used recycled materials, including clothing tags, receipts and plastic bags, to create various clothing pieces.

"Congratulations to Autumn, Isabella, Makayla, Emma and Talia for

these amazing accomplishments," ORR Principal Mike Devoll said. "Each student put so much time, effort and care into their pieces, and we are proud to have their hard work recognized in such a prestigious way. I also wish to congratulate our dedicated art teaching staff, Ms. Kate Butler and Ms. Jo Mogilnicki, who supported students throughout the submission process."



Making a Pitch for Better Poles

Rochester Select Board

By Mick Colageo

Rochester Select Board Chairman Brad Morse took the opportunity of Verizon New England's appearance at a 6:05 pm

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
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appointment to reiterate an important message.

"Before we approve the motion, I want to mention problems with poles around town," said Morse, describing "lots of double poles, to the tune of about 20, and some hanging poles as well."

In a public hearing, Verizon New England sought and received approval to install new utility poles (Nos. 47.5 and 47.5s) to serve a new residential construction at 990 Walnut Plain Road. There were no comments from the public, but Morse made sure the word got back to the office that the Town of Rochester is still waiting on longstanding requests.

Nonetheless, Morse and Select Board member Woody Hartley voted their approval of the application. Select Board member Paul Ciaburri was unable to attend on Monday.

The Rochester Country Fair is looking to make a comeback on the August 20-21 weekend after the event's cancellation in 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Event representative Kelly Sullivan-Morgado told the board that many businesses shut down due to Covid. "We're trying to fill our agenda and fill it tight and get all the old-time favorites in there," she said. Hartley asked about the setup schedule, and Sullivan-Morgado said the event will seek permission to conduct set-up all throughout the week leading up to the Saturday-Sunday event.

Meantime, much in the way of maintenance on the grounds needs to be done, including portions of the fencing that have come down and work on the track, another activity requiring permission. Town Counsel Blair Bailey was assured that all the workers will be volunteers.

Sullivan-Morgado is in discussions with the Acushnet Lions Club regarding the possibility of selling alcoholic



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beverages on the grounds.

"We need to notify the abutters ahead of time. We always take care of that and give the town a copy when (the notice) goes out," said Sullivan-Morgado. She said the mailing will be out by June 20.

In a 6:25 appointment, the board voted to approve Police Chief Robert Small's request that Richard Heslin be appointed a full-time officer. Small told the Select Board that Heslin has earned a master's degree and that it is nice to "have someone onboard who can assimilate quickly" and help mentor younger people.

The Select Board voted to approve the Rochester Cultural Council's request that Erica Rys be appointed to membership. The board also voted to declare some old computers as surplus.

In her Town Administrator's Report, Suzanne Szyndlar told the board during that the annual audit (FY21) has been completed and can be found on Town Counsel Blair Bailey's page at townofrochester.com.

Szyndlar announced a recent grant, telling the board that Town Planner Nancy Durfee applied for a public-safety feasibility study under the state's Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) and also applied for a \$15,000 in Master Plan matching funds to be voted on at Town Meeting.



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Citing the January 29 snowstorm, Szyndlar thanked town personnel for a great job.

Noting that the submission deadline for applicants for the job she will vacate on June 30 was February 4, Szyndlar said she will be scheduling interviews. Rochester is also looking for a new building commissioner.

Under Old Business, Hartley told the meeting that he and Town Planner Nancy Durfee recently attended a circuit meeting. "It makes us much stronger for keeping up with grants," said Hartley. "It was really good having her there to ask good questions and understand the language much better than I ever have."

The board entered executive session to discuss strategy relating to negotiations with union and non-union personnel and did not return to open session.

Citing personal conflicts, the board did not settle on a date for its next regular meeting. Monday, February 21, is Presidents' Day.

FY23 Budget Season in Full Swing

*Mattapoisett Finance Committee, Capital Planning
 Committee, Select Board*

By Marilou Newell

It is without a doubt the budget-planning season. Engaging in the process of drafting a multimillion dollar municipal budget is no small task and requires both insight and foresight. Jumping into the deep end of the fiscal pool on February 3, Mattapoisett's Finance Committee met with Library Director Jennifer Jones and Council on Aging Director Jackie Coucci.

Jones discussed the need to fill a part-time position for a children's librarian/assistant director and planned to begin interviews next week. Jones' spreadsheet lists wages for full-time library paralegals in FY22 at \$141,538 and for FY23 at \$145,000. Part-time staff will have received \$195,769 in FY22 and are projected to receive \$201,000 in FY23. The director's salary for FY22 was \$72,000 and is projected at \$74,909 for FY23.

In her narrative, Jones said that during FY22, the demand for library services has remained high, including presentation and talks offered both live and virtually, reaching some 1,300 participants. She also noted that boiler and fire-suppression, system-maintenance agreements have risen by \$500 from \$12,500 to \$13,000. Jones also stated that the historic parts of the library roof covered with 100-year-old slates need evaluation.

Coucci spoke to the continuing demand for services offered by the COA. She said that in spite of being down an

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Coucci reported that a grant in 2020 allowed the department to purchase a new van that is wheelchair accessible and that a matching-grant requirement of 20 percent has been waived. "We got the van scot-free," she said.

When asked by Chairman Pat Donoghue if COA vehicles went through Capital Planning, Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo explained that because COA vehicles do not hit the tax levy (usually recycled vehicles from other departments,) they don't show up as a capital expense.

Coucci's spreadsheet listed her salary for FY23 at \$63,869, up \$1,275 from \$62,594 in FY22. Full-time staffing wages for FY22 were \$43,136 versus a plan for \$44,000 in FY23; part-time FY22 will be \$49,945 and FY23 is planned at \$50,935; drivers will come in for FY22 at \$19,140 with a modest uptick to \$19,523 for FY23.

Vehicle maintenance is estimated to remain the same year over year at \$4,000.

Meeting on February 6 were both the Capital Planning Committee with Police Chief Jason King and the Select Board with the directors of the Library and the Council on Aging.

In a follow up with Capital Planning Committee Chairman Chuck McCullough, he said that the committee was impressed by the presentation from King, calling it "refreshing" in both the quality and quantity of data provided.

King's Capital Planning requests for FY23 presently include two cruisers, both listed at \$55,000 with one financed via free cash and the other from the department's operating budget. Other line items for FY23 include \$110,000 for parking lot repaving, \$25,000 for new office equipment, \$50,000 for a new radio system, \$40,000 for new tasers and \$25,000 for a new police motorcycle.

Regarding the motorcycle, McCullough reported that King noted the age and diminishing life span of the current motorcycle that he plans to trade in for a potential \$6,000 that would be put toward funding for the new piece.

In their working session with Coucci and Jones, the Select Board reviewed their FY23 budget projections and touched on capital needs.

As they had during the meeting with the Finance Committee, both directors pointed to a level-funded FY23 budget with modest upticks in wages as negotiated through contracts.

Coucci said that with the temporary hiatus of the FISH

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medical ride program, the COA has been filling the gap. Also filling the gap, Coucci herself has been in the field providing in-home services due to a vacant outreach-worker position. When asked by Mattapoisett Select Board Chairman Jordan Collyer if the board could grant her two wishes for her department, Coucci responded, "Nothing, I'm good. I don't need any additional funding at this time."

Jones responded to the same question with more books and more office supplies on her wish list. She also discussed the need for better outdoor light, more security cameras and the filling of an open position for a children's librarian/assistant director. On that point, she said she is actively interviewing candidates.

Regarding the need to study the historic roof tiles, Collyer asked Lorenzo to find reports that were previously produced speaking to the issue. "Those tiles may be 100 years old but may not need replacement. He gave Jones several company names from which to seek out guidance in the matter.

The board also met with Henri Renaud, Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Department.

Renaud discussed major renovation projects, including one at the Oakland Street pump station. He described the deterioration of five manholes and the need for immediate action. The cost estimate has been set at \$680,000 in FY23.

Regarding the department's plans for a new headquarters building situated adjacent to the Bay Club off Industrial Drive, Renaud said that while the sale of property owned by the town on Church Street would be moving forward, conceptual and schematic designs were yet to be drawn. "I'm not quite ready yet," he said. The board and Renaud also discussed the sale of lots in the Bay Club that are presently owned by the town, lots

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that could be sold to offset new building costs for the Water and Sewer Department. Debut of this capital expense is planned for FY24.

The Water Department's FY23 budget is estimated at \$1,600,000 and the Sewer Department at \$1,900,000.

Highway Surveyor Garret Bauer also met with the Select Board, and Select Board member Jodi Bauer, mother of the younger Bauer, asked Collyer if she should recuse herself. While it was agreed that no conflict of interest would manifest itself during this meeting, the senior Bauer elected to err on the side of caution and listened without participating.

In a follow-up with Collyer, it was learned that discussion about the much-delayed repairs and renovations to the town's Highway Barn located on Mendell Road took place. Collyer and Jodi Bauer concurred that earlier cost estimates for phased repairs were no longer feasible and that the plan now was to complete everything needed in one complete project.

On the Highway Department's Capital Plan spreadsheet, Garret Bauer listed \$230,000 for building design and engineering work, \$250,000 (an annual sum allocated for roadway repairs,) and a hook/lift truck at \$160,000 for a total of \$640,000 for FY23.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Finance Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, at 4:30 pm.; the next meeting of the Capital Planning Committee is scheduled for Monday, February 14, at 6:00 pm. and the next meeting of the Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, at 6:30 pm.

Highway Dominates FY23 Requests

Rochester Capital Planning Committee

By Mick Colageo

To those scraping the ice off their windshields while warming their car engines, May 23 seems like a long way off, but the special Rochester Town Meeting is right around the corner to Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar and the Capital Planning Committee charged with digesting annual funding requests and delivering a prioritized list of recommendations in time for the closing of the warrant for town meeting.

Tuesday night at Town Hall and via Zoom, the five-member committee consisting of Chairman David Arancio, Vice Chairman Chris Peck, Rick Munroe, Barry Patraiko and Steve Pena gathered to pour over nearly \$2,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2023 capital requests.

Arancio estimates that the official figure, \$1,944,372.93, is the highest the committee has ever fielded. It's the members' job to interact with department heads, then deliberate and unify on a recommendation for the Finance Committee and Select Board.

This will happen over a short series of public meetings leveraged by a timeline that says Szyndlar needs to supply a draft warrant by March 21. The warrant review must take place by the end of April. The Select Board must sign the warrant on May 2, and the last day to post the warrant is May 13.

The process will at least seem like it's happening faster than the ice melts, and in the interim every Rochester resident may form his/her own opinion of the Highway Department, which has requested \$1,552,450 for capital expenses in FY23.

Nearly half of those funds are accounted for by a longstanding request to replace the town's salt shed, a value of \$750,000.

"It seems so urgent and a safety issue," said Patraiko, noting that the salt shed keeps getting pushed aside. "Is there any mechanism to make sure this gets done?"

"Everyone is well, well aware that this needs to be done,"



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said Szyndlar, alluding to discussion about Wareham's wood-built salt shed that cost the town \$557,000. "But construction costs have gone up," Szyndlar said the town could be looking at a million-plus.

Arancio suggested a feasibility study would be in order so the town can look at all the options.

"There's a lot of things to look at," said Peck, noting the importance of surrounding land not only for conservation purposes but to make certain it is safe to back up tractor-trailers.

The Highway Department also requested the replacement of two dump/sander trucks, each costing \$200,189, a bucket truck at \$125,000, a 10-wheel dump truck body at \$60,000 and VCT replacement at \$15,340.

Under Fire/EMS are two requests: \$128,525 to replace the department's aging secure-closed breathing apparatus (SCBA) and \$81,400 for a fresh-air-breathing compressor. The latter request, which would replace a 1994 model running on obsolete parts, was listed as the Fire Department's top priority.

The Police Department has requested \$41,000 for an Animal Control vehicle, \$18,050 to replace 19 Kevlar vests at \$851 each and \$4,500 for a Key (radio) system upgrade.

Rochester Memorial School put in three capital requests: \$49,293.43 for a facilities tractor, \$33,358 for the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt "GO Math!" program and \$25,858 for touch-view replacement panels.

The Council on Aging has requested \$9,938.50 for security cameras.

The Plumb Library's single request for \$10,000 is being tabled after Szyndlar discovered old articles including a \$12,000 award that the library received. "The money is there ... I'm almost thinking this is a great funding source for that," said Szyndlar, who suggested talking to Facilities Director Andrew Daniel. "That money is sitting there, and it says, 'Library Improvement.'"

The committee acknowledged the importance of the request, given that Daniel said repairs to the library's steps, concrete walkway and rear basement access are necessitated by code.

The request is on pause while Szyndlar confirms the accessibility of the existing \$12,000 in funding.

There was also discussion of public-safety issues along Constitution Way, where there have been some close calls for town employees because the steps of the Town Hall, meeting house and adjacent church spill out immediately into the path of traffic with no buffer.

"There's not a lot of places where the end of your steps



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is a road. ... They turn off of (Route) 105 and they don't let off the gas. ... You're in the roadway," explained Szyndlar, noting that her own staff member was nearly hit by a vehicle while exiting the building. Select Board member Paul Ciaburri told The Wanderer weeks ago that he, too, almost was hit.

Szyndlar said that the Highway Department held off from putting the matter to Capital Planning because the problem might be solved in-house. Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge plans to divert traffic to the back of the buildings, according to Szyndlar. "When I get more information, I will certainly forward that to the Capital Planning Committee," she said.

In a scheduled reorganization of the committee, Arancio is staying on as chairman, while Peck becomes vice chairman.

Rochester's Finance Committee meets on Tuesday, February 15, at 7:00 pm, and the next meeting of the Capital Planning Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, at 6:00 pm.


Revised Heron Cove Plan Finally on Table

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals


By Mick Colageo

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals got its first look at the revised plan for Heron Cove Estates during the board's January 27 public meeting.

Increased from 96 to 120 units, this iteration of Ken Steen's proposed 40B, Local Initiative Program (LIP,) affordable housing project on Route 6 at the Weweantic River is the product of negotiations with the Marion Select Board, the conditions of which are binding as the ZBA goes through what is expected to be a lengthy vetting process. Without an extension, the board would have 180 days to keep the public hearing open.



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In explaining the agreement to the ZBA members, Town Counsel Jon Witten made clear that while the Select Board's conditions are binding to its endorsement in accordance with Section CMR-4500, the ZBA will ultimately decide whether to approve the project.

Armed with the coveted project-eligibility letter from the state Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD,) Steen was on hand (virtually via Zoom) with his representatives, attorney Mark Bobrowski and design engineer Phil Cordeiro, to present a fresh, new application for the board's consideration.

In highlighting major changes to what Steen described as "a rental community" (residents will not be homeowners,) Cordeiro compared before and after illustrations shared via his computer screen. The addition of 24 units occurs closest to Route 6, where a previous plan for a subdivision of single-family homes on either side of the boulevard entrance has been scrapped. A tennis/pickleball court has been added on the property's perimeter, along with two areas to absorb stormwater runoff due to the increase in impervious square footage.

Once ZBA Chair Cynthia Callow opened the floor to the ZBA members, a variety of subjects was addressed such as procedural guidance on dealing with waiver requests (Will Tifft.)

Witten recommended addressing and voting on each waiver individually but also recommended holding off on deliberating waiver requests - there are 27 - until the ZBA hears back from peer review.

Member Margie Baldwin asked what the thinking is behind the 24-unit increase.

"In negotiations with the Select Board, the applicant was asked to take on some obligations with regards to the municipal sewage system. The 120 units are better suited for our end of the bargain," explained Bobrowski, who further noted that under 40B rules and regulations, the affordable units are spread about the property, one for every three market-rate units. "They are not segregated in any particular area. ... It's very important under the Massachusetts Housing Program, DHCD's Local Initiative Project (LIP) and the rules of the Housing Appeals Committee that no segregation of the affordable units take place."

The project consists of 12 three-bedroom units (10 percent of the total, a 40B design requirement according to Bobrowski) situated among 38 triplex buildings otherwise containing 102 two-bedroom units. There are also three duplex buildings containing six two-bedroom units. The roads will remain private.

The displayed site plan appeared to show 40 garages that

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Cordeiro described as amenities. "It wouldn't be an amenity if everybody had one," he said.

Nilson asked if the developer has learned from Eversource what upgrades are necessary regarding electric and gas.

"In terms of Eversource electric, adequate power is available along Route 6 from what we were told a little over a year ago, maybe even longer than that," said Steen. "There is actually no gas that services this area so we are contemplating as to whether or not we're going to go with propane heat or we're going to go with electric, high-efficiency heat pumps, which is somewhat the rage these days in terms of green building and emissions."

There will be no natural gas so the project will be heated by electric heat pumps and/or propane.

Steen said there is no connection between heat pumps and solar. "I can tell you we wouldn't be looking at solar in any way, shape or form at this point, that's for darn sure," he said.

Because of several board members' lack of familiarity with the project history, peer review was discussed in some detail.

ZBA member Dana Nilson asked if the board has received the money it would pay out to peer-review consultants. Steen has an escrow account with the Town of Marion to which he planned to deposit \$6,500 on January 28 in order to achieve a \$10,000 balance. Steen has other money (\$61,000) in the account that has been allocated to water-and-sewer studies, including supplemental studies taken up by the Select Board as part of the LIP agreement between the two parties.

After Nilson suggested the board take "a serious amount of time" to get the best possible resources for peer review, Bobrowski insisted that the ZBA had already received peer-review funds for the 96-unit application (since withdrawn in

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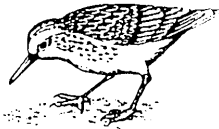
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favor of the 120-unit application) and hired Andover-based Vanasse & Associates Inc. for a traffic study, Merrill Associates for civil engineering and used the Marion Department of Public Works to examine stormwater.

"Those (studies) are largely done and just need to be updated so I'm urging the board to be respectful of the process that's already taken place," said Bobrowski. "I'm not hearing any complaints from any member about the job they did. The bills were paid, and that speaks for itself. If you need to go elsewhere for something like architectural or another discipline that hasn't spoken in yet, feel free. We'll work with you to make whatever accommodation we can, but please be mindful of the fact that this work is 96/120th's done."

The board eventually voted to retain Vanasse (traffic) and Merrill (civil) as peer-review consultants, and Bobrowski and Witten agreed it would work best to focus the meetings inasmuch as possible and interview peer-review consultants in stages.

The stickiest point of the conversation was about water metering.

During the public hearing for Heron Cove, Callow pointed out the detail in the "pro forma" (project narrative) that each unit's water consumption would be individually metered and asked if that has been approved or is being negotiated.

"It's imperative economically for these units to have individual services with individual meters," said Steen, noting that water metering was discussed with the Select Board. "It hasn't been approved; it's obviously the (ZBA's) decision. It's listed as one of the waivers, but I can tell you without that relief, this project will not go forward."

In the recent case of Marion Village Estates (a Steen project,) Bobrowski asserted that the town had originally agreed to charge the longstanding project for water according to the lowest pricing tier. The town later added tiers and, since MVE's three meters were each accounting for 20 units' usage, the project has been charged according to the highest pricing tier based on the meters' usage records.

Tifft empathized with Steen's plight in the members' post-hearing discussion, but Callow disagreed and so did others.

During an animated conversation among the membership after the public hearing had been continued to February 24, Nilson said the Steen can meter the water on his own and spread the cost over 30 years, for instance, "and he'd get it back as opposed to the town losing that water money. We should get the tiered rate because of the use; how it's metered should not be our problem."

In the aftermath of that discussion, Nilson asked the members if Heron Cove should be conditioned that it cannot be turned into a condo association.

Before adjournment, Callow would tell the ZBA members that she would be attending "conference of counsel" the next day to hear Bobrowski and Witten discuss Steen's stipulation for single-unit water metering.

"Wait 'til you see the binder and all the waivers that he wants. He doesn't even want to put erosion control," said Callow.

Transportation was also discussed in the hearing, and Cordeiro explained from conversation with ORR School District administration that bus entry into private areas is problematic so he showed on the site plan a bus shelter for students along Route 6.

Dr. Ed Hoffer, a ZBA member, noted that a bus route along


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The main boulevard entrance has two, 20-foot, divided lanes to ensure that events will not block emergency access.

The board voted to continue the public hearing to Thursday, February 24, at 6:30 pm.

Three other cases were discussed, two in public hearings.

Dustan McGlinn, the former owner at 176 Wareham Street was denied a variance from Section 230-5.1 of the Marion Zoning Bylaws to allow a nonconforming deck. Representing the new owner, Heidi Nye told the ZBA that the deck had already been cut back, and John Romanelli of New Bedford-based Zenith Land Surveyors told the ZBA that the deck now stands 10.1 feet back of the rear lot line and conforms to the setback requirement. Romanelli represented abutter Veronica

Williams.

George and Jean Linzee, 460 Front Street, were voted a special permit for construction of a 416 square-foot accessory apartment.

Jay Flanagan, 26 West Avenue, was denied a variance to allow a public entry 4 feet closer to the street and was also denied a special permit to allow an extension of a non-conforming garage.

The next meeting of the Marion ZBA is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, at 6:30 pm.

School Budget Still A 'Mystery'

Marion Finance Committee/Select Board

By Mick Colageo

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Board on February 2 to hear Finance Director Judy Mooney and Town Administrator Jay McGrail make a preliminary presentation of the FY23 budget.

McGrail thanked Mooney for her hard work and said that without her he could not have produced the budget proposal. "I can tell you from where we are today, a ton of work had been done," he said.

In December, explained McGrail, department heads were asked to submit level-service budgets with additional requests made separately. "Some of the cuts that Judy and I had to propose to the department heads to get tonight's budget where it is were really hard to swallow," said McGrail. "I really appreciate they saw the bigger picture as they always do and helped us get to where we need to be (as of February 2.)"

McGrail told the Finance Committee and Select Board

that as of the February 2 joint meeting, Marion was still facing a \$100,000 budget deficit. He said that the Covid pandemic is still causing stress in the town's budget from sick employees to replacement staffing costs and supply issues and new practices leveraged by safety standards.

Financial impacts were made in the fall by the boil order of late October and the severe Nor'easter. McGrail said that the water event has changed the town's capital planning, probably "forever."

If there is an upside to Marion's outlook, it is an unprecedented \$3,700,000 in the town's free cash account. The result is a rare opportunity to lower debt and fund projects that otherwise never would have reached the construction stage, and Marion's AAA bond rating will remain intact.

Capital Planning, town officials hope, will see \$1,000,000 of that money in FY23; \$300,000 is earmarked for the operating budget and \$220,000 for the Sewer Enterprise Fund, as Marion continues to face the ramifications of the nearly completed \$10,000,000 lagoon project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The town is also committed to funding OPEB with free cash but has yet to determine at what amount.

Marion's major municipal construction projects will also benefit: \$1,500,000 in free cash to lower its borrowing toward the new \$4,500,000 Department of Public Works headquarters. The remaining \$3,000,000 will be on the warrant for Town Meeting.

In line for \$2,000,000 of state-level support from the Seaport Economic Council toward the new Maritime Center (also on the warrant,) will request appropriation of up to \$700,000 from the town's Waterways Account as the matching funds for the grant.

The \$300,000-\$350,000 balance will be in an article asking voters to support partially offset property-tax increases on a one-time basis. The excess levy capacity would lower the average Marion home's taxes by \$70-\$90 in FY23.

The FY23 budget is expected to increase by 3.5 percent. McGrail told the joint meeting of the Finance Committee and Select Board that Marion's average budget increase is 3.34 percent.

Thanks to state-level, police-reform measures, Marion would incur more police overtime and is proposing mitigation of those effects by proposing the addition of the new, full-time police officer and an increase in hours for the department's administrative assistant.

"The problem with all police departments is that the Police Reform Bill eliminated the reserve-officer component, where a lot of small towns got their weekend and night work.



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They basically have to go through the regular academy if they're young enough or they have to get out," said Finance Committee member Peter Winters. "I think that time has passed so it's pretty much going to be the regular, professional officers that are going to be staffing all police details, all shifts for all of Massachusetts."

Winters recommended offline discussion with Chief Richard Nighelli to discuss recruitment.

Two outside drivers raising Marion's FY23 budget are a \$65,000 preliminary-estimated increase (21 percent) in the assessment from Upper Cape Tech where four Marion students attend and a \$102,528 increase (nearly 8 percent) in the annual pension assessment from Plymouth County.

Internally, Marion has incurred increased costs in Public Works, which manages the Benson Brook Transfer Station



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and the curbside collection program. After leaving the Carver, Marion, Wareham (CMW) refuse district effective January 2021, Marion began using town employees to operate Benson Brook.

According to McGrail, the town broke even over FY21 and is tracking toward at least that successful a result through FY22, but curbside collection costs have grown by approximately \$50,000 due to an unforeseen increase in usage necessitating an amendment to the contract with the waste-management company.

McGrail told the Finance Committee that two capital projects, the Creek Road Pump Station and Front Street Force-Main, are being pulled from Town Meeting. In lieu of budget requests, the projects are hoping to use ARPA funding and grant opportunities. Should those pathways fail, McGrail said the projects will come back before the Finance Committee.

The Recreation Department, affected by the DPW overhaul, was budgeted in FY22 for \$158,000. With only a part-time director (Scott Tavares,) the FY23 budget proposal is for \$134,000. Lifeguards will be paid more competitively.

Included in the financial package given to the committee was the results of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee.

In an effort to run a more-efficient Town Meeting, non-debt CIPC articles will be consolidated into one vote to recommend (or not) by FinCom, while debt-related articles such as the proposed DPW and Harbormaster facilities will be voted separately. McGrail stipulated that all articles will be up for discussion. The CIPC report will be attached as a supplement to the warrant.

Mooney followed McGrail's presentation, laying out the basics of the annual budget. Total General Fund revenues of

\$26,082,850 are projected for FY23. General Fund debt for FY23 is \$744,000. The FY23 proposed budget figure is \$26,189,671. Given the fact Massachusetts will have a new governor in FY23, Mooney said it is difficult to project state aid.

After Mooney went through the Old Rochester Regional School District aspect of the budget, Finance Committee Chairman Shay Assad said he intends to meet with Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber to find out "precisely" how the budget process works.

"I think I understand it now, but I'm going to sit down with him again. The reality is our enrollment is such that we get an equal vote in the baseline, and that kind of drives part of this calculation," said Assad. "I'll put together a paper so that you can all understand it - A, B, C, D, E. Very simply, this is how it works, and this is why the Marion assessment is what it is."

Two years ago, the Marion Finance Committee was frustrated with what its inability to decipher the process, but since ORR Superintendent Mike Nelson was hired and brought in Barber, the Finance Committee has been much more hopeful that regular communication will reveal the inner workings of the school budget. Even so, it has taken Marion's leadership to get to this point on the road to making the process discernible to the membership.

"Right now several people feel - and I agree with them - that it's a little bit of a mystery, and we've got to take the mystery out of it so that we all understand it perfectly," said Assad.

"I'd love to go with you, Shay," said Mooney. Assad welcomed the idea.

Select Board member John Waterman said the Marion pays more per student than Mattapoisett and Rochester due to higher




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assessed value of the town's real estate.

FinCom member Bill Marvel presided over a summary of the CIPC's prioritized list of capital requests.

Assad said that "there's something wrong" is the Finance Committee is looking at capital projects in a substantially less-detailed manner than what is done at the department and CIPC levels.

Winters asked for information on CARES Act, ARPA and Chapter 90 money.

The Finance Committee was to meet with the Police and Fire departments on Wednesday and follow up with the Harbormaster, Recreation and Taber Library on February 16, ORR on March 2, and finally DPW on March 9.

Cilantro Faces Challenging Rebuild

Marion Planning Board

By Mick Colageo

The owner of the Cilantro restaurant faces a complex task should he choose to go through the vetting process for relocation at 325 Front Street.

Bill Knight represented potential applicant Varut Phimolmas in a presubmission conference with the Marion Planning Board to explore the possibility of modifying a very old house at that location for the purpose of reopening the restaurant formerly located at 374 Front Street.

During Monday night's public meeting, Knight told the Planning Board that it is likely the former building will be razed. The plan for the new location is not to expand the footprint but offer a site plan that would satisfy the concerns of Marion's vetting boards.

Planning Board Chairman Will Saltonstall acknowledged that being in a marine-business zone, a restaurant is a by-right use at the proposed location and therefore would not require a special permit.

Usable space would be under 2,000 square feet, and Knight has Dave Davignon working on a parking plan limited to 10 spaces, putting the facility short of the threshold that triggers a major site-plan review. But, as Saltonstall noted, even a minor site-plan review has teeth, beginning with the one-to-two ratio requirements of parking spaces to building occupancy including customers.

Knight said that all demolition will be internal except for a modification to a chamfered corner in the back of the building to more efficiently fit kitchen appliances.

Planning Board member Norm Hills pointed out that part of the proposed location is in the velocity zone. Knight said he is aware and has contacted the Woods Hole Group to discuss the matter. He also said he hopes the building can be designated as an historic structure to gain some leniency, but Marion Historical Commission Chair Meg Steinberg is viewing that from the opposite lens.

Acknowledging that the proposed location does not qualify for an historic exemption because it is not located within a local historic district nor is it listed on a national register, Steinberg admitted concern.

"(The proposed modifications) would greatly change the character of the whole area," she said. "Raising this (building) up would change the height, it would change the massing. We're not complaining about the use so much as that the building retains its integrity."

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Bryan McSweeney, who also serves on the Historical Commission, said that Old Landing in general may soon be declared an historical area. He said that the building has been identified as having been built around 1810. "It could be one of the oldest houses in town," he said, citing the saltbox roof. "We would like to see this house remain as a residential house."

Given the location, elevation of the structure was discussed. Knight indicated that the requirement to elevate the structure might be a dealbreaker for the applicant.

"This is not an insignificant thing you're trying to do," said Saltonstall, reiterating the 50-percent rule. "You've got some real challenges to do this project for under \$80,000. To change a designation like that can be a year-long process." Hills cautioned that it could take longer.

The board voted to waive a traffic-impact study. Member

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Jon Henry was the lone dissenting vote against that waiver. The board also voted to require the applicant to open a 53G account and make an initial down payment of \$2,000 to spend as needed on peer review.

Member Eileen Marum articulated concern with an increase in water on that property. "We need something in place ... an environmental assessment to see that everything is done properly. We're in the middle of climate change right now," she said.

Member Chris Collings pointed out on Page 12 of the packet showing a berm in the back and a catch basin. "I would advise them to ask for a waiver later. We've already given this guy a worksheet three pages long," he said.

Saltonstall told Knight that if after some homework the applicant feels like this plan still makes sense, he can choose



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either to engage the board in further informal discussion or file a Notice of Intent. The board issued Knight a Form B, acknowledging receipt of the presubmission conference. Saltonstall encouraged Knight to make the application comprehensive and make sure it answers to the bylaw.

"I personally want to see these guys succeed and get back in operation as fast as possible," said Saltonstall, who encouraged Knight to keep an open dialogue with Town Planner/Conservation Agent Doug Guey-Lee.

McSweeney and Steinberg had their own item on the agenda, asking for a letter of support from the Planning Board for the work that the Historical Commission does in surveying Marion properties to determine historical value.

The commission has asked the Community Preservation Committee for \$35,000 in Community Preservation Act (CPA)

funds for its ongoing architectural survey. "I would love to have a letter from the PB in support of our application," said Steinberg.

Saltonstall noted that the board wrote such a letter in support of the commission's work last year and sent it to CPC Chairman Jeff Doubrava. The board voted again to send the letter this year.

Under Old Business, Hills told the Planning Board that he had met with the Police and Fire departments in hopes of resolving recent changes to rules and regulations. Shortly after a regulation was amended to favor a hammerhead design instead of a circle, Department of Public Works Director Nathaniel Munafo said that the hammerhead design at the end of Fieldstone Lane was problematic for emergency access. Hills said he will bring the matter back to the board.

Given the floor during the Community Outreach segment, Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Cynthia Callow told Planning Board members that the next training on bylaws is scheduled for March 14.

Planning Board member Alanna Nelson thanked Hills and Marum for their work on Marion's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Having been asked by the ZBA for comment regarding MRF Nominee Trust c/o Patrick Fiscoeder and Allison O'Neil at 498B Point Road, the Planning Board made no recommendation.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, at 7:00 pm.

Planning Board Drafts New Fee Schedule

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

It has been 33 years since the Mattapoisett Planning Board reviewed its fee structure for various matters of permitting and approval for construction projects. On February 7, the board was armed with a draft of updated fees as it took on the task of refining the language contained in the fee schedule and heard from the public.

It immediately became apparent that a list of definitions would have to accompany the fee schedule in an effort to make fee categories and associated documents abundantly clear to the public. The board and the public, primarily engineers Douglas Schneider of Schneider, Davignon and Leone Inc. and Bill Madden of G.A.F. Engineering, discussed when a change would trigger either the need for a fee for plan revisions for Form A, Approval Not Required (ANR) applications or an entirely new plan submitted by the applicant.

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That singular category consumed the lion's share of the discussion. In the end it was determined that the fees (available at mattapoissett.net) are in line with surrounding towns, but the language needed tweaking for clarity's sake. The updated fees were found to be acceptable to the board and the public. The draft will be edited and returned to the board for public acceptance at a later date.

In other matters, what on the surface has appeared to be a simple Form C subdivision for a modification to an existing roadway and associated easements turned into a debate on the need for a confirmed surety, cash or a bond.

Coming before the board and representing Dandy Realty Trust, Daniel Chase trustee, Madden explained that the applicant was awaiting confirmation from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the curb cut required for improvements to Nicky's Lane, located off Route 6. However, on this night the applicant requested local approvals while holding back on a roadway surety.

The issue debated was when a surety or other form of financial device must be established. Is it needed once all the state approvals are in hand, or is it part of the local agreement, therefore needing to be established now?

David Nicolosi, one of the abutting property owners who is also the contractor for the roadway project asked the board to give the project leeway to withhold the surety agreement until work could commence. Nicolosi said he was willing to put up his lot as surety, something he said was regularly done. But member Janice Robbins found that proposal inconsistent with established practices on a subdivision of this sort, pressing for cash or a bond.

The discussion continued in this vein with Robbins

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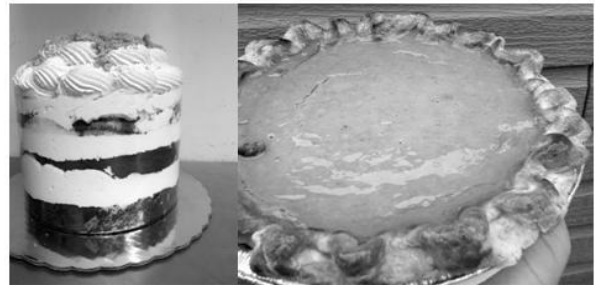


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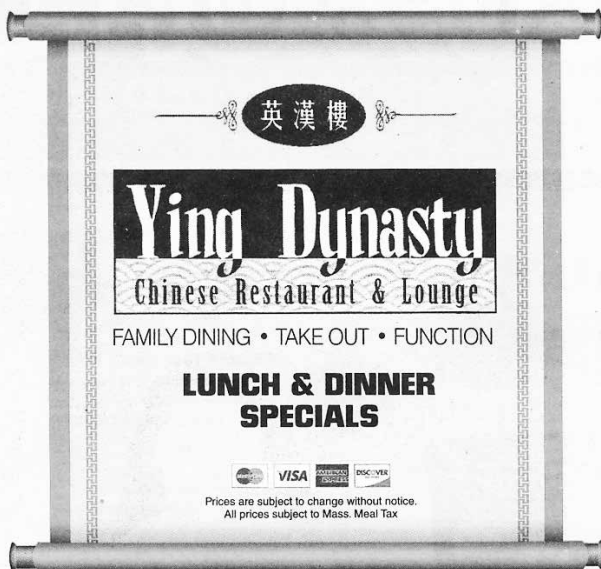
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impressing on the applicants' representative the need to have financial matters sealed with a "date certain," not open-ended. Attorney Patricia McArdle, representing Dandy R.E., argued that the town's bylaw gives the Planning Board the authority to grant the application with surety for completion of the roadway promised but held until work could begin.

In the end, it was determined that the matter would be continued to March 7 and the project deadline for a decision extended to April 15, giving the applicant additional time to prepare a surety agreement.

Other matters handled included the continuance of a Definitive Subdivision planned for Park Street extension until March 21 with an extension date the same.

Randall Lane Solar LLC sought and received a withdrawal without prejudice for a previously requested ANR.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, March 7, at 7:00 pm.

Master, Capital Planning Put Heads Together

Mattapoisett Master Plan Committee

By Marilou Newell

What do you get when a think tank invites a dollars-and-cents committee chairman to meet and discuss the future of a town? A marriage of necessity.

On February 2, the Mattapoisett Master Plan Committee met with Chuck McCullough to hear about the work performed by a committee whose primary focus is plotting when and how town departments will fund expenses over \$10,000 and project needs 10 years into the future.

McCullough explained that in previous budget planning cycles the Capital Planning Committee accepted departmental

fiscal information in less than an investigatory manner, asking questions including how a project would be funded but not necessarily scrutinizing the request itself as to how and why.

The Master Plan Committee was informed about the Capital Planning Committee's work in identifying infrastructural needs such as culvert replacements, roadway improvements and putting the bike path on Mattapoisett's 10-year Capital Plan, something that had not been done in prior cycles, leaving the town vulnerable in terms of inadequate planning for major expenses. Now, McCullough explained, the fiscal responsibilities of each municipal department are being aided by more compelling conversations.

McCullough also spent time explaining how decisions are made for new water and sewer lines and upcoming projects such as the replacement of the Eel Pond sewer line to Fairhaven.

The Master Plan Committee members asked probing questions to better understand the implications of expanding sewer capacity, noting that sewer lines are not provided for the development of subdivision tracts. McCullough, who has been a town consultant to the Water and Sewer Department for a number of years, discussed the process of engaging neighbors, especially those in beach areas, when considering sewer-expansion projects geared towards decreasing nitrogen leaching into the bay from private septic systems. He said that a two-thirds vote from both the property owners and town meeting is needed before such major projects, funded exclusively from betterment fees, could take place.

But the biggest take-away from the discussion with McCullough was the absolute need to identify major projects on the horizon for Mattapoisett and how they will be funded. For example, he said that the bike path should be considered as a major infrastructure project, one that is under the purview of a town department such as the Highway Department. But that is currently not the case – the bike path does not tie directly to any town department.

"It hasn't been on our radar," said McCullough. "We view the bike path as another road; there will be repairs and maintenance. We ask, 'who owns this?' It can't be (owned by) a committee, it has to be a town department."

The discussion was wide ranging, moving into such areas as the need for a new town hall, what will become of the retired fire station building, climate resiliency and drainage issues.

In concluding the conversation, McCullough agreed that there is a "marriage" between the two committees and a need for the Master Plan to reflect what Capital Planning is seeing in the 10-year planning forecast. He said he would provide a



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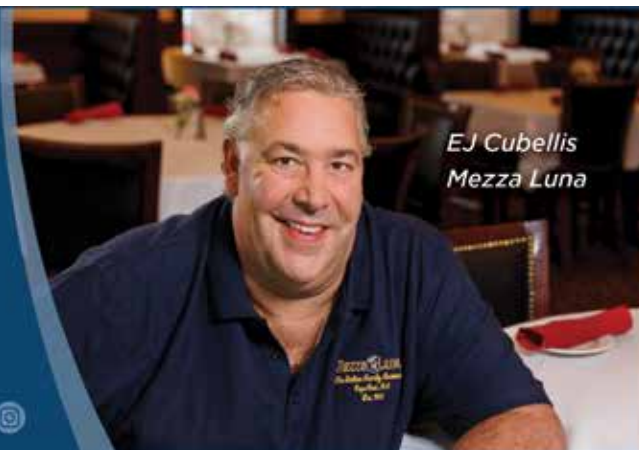
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fully executed plan in the coming weeks, as Capital Planning prepares to meet with the Finance Committee ahead of a meeting with the Select Board and Town Administrator – all steps towards achieving a FY23 budget to bring to voters at the Spring Town Meeting.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Master Plan is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, at 7:00 pm.

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Marion Board of Health

By Mick Colageo

In his final meeting as chairman, Dr. Ed Hoffer told the Marion Board of Health that only a month ago Massachusetts was seeing 22,000 Covid cases per day. By the beginning of February, that number had dwindled to approximately 5,000.

Hoffer intends to remain on the board as clerk during his announced run for a seat on the Select Board. He also serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals. In a reorganization of the board on February 3, Dot Brown volunteered to serve as chairperson, and Dr. John Howard will serve as vice chair.

The Covid positivity rate in Marion was at 11.21 percent in January as 380 people tested positive, estimated by Public Health Director/Nurse Lori Desmarais to be an all-time town high. Three days into February, the count was at 11.

In her update to the board, Desmarais said that Marion has had 1,088 total positive cases. As of the board's February 3 meeting, there were 55 active cases, down from 185 in the prior week.

As of February 2, Sippican Elementary School had two personnel in the test-and-stay program, no one in quarantine

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but six positive tests in isolation. There have been 132 positives at Sippican since the start of the 2021-22 academic year.

At Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, one person was in test-and-stay, no one was in quarantine but six were positive and in isolation. As of February 2, the ORRHJH total for the 2021-22 academic year was 93.

At ORRHJH, no one was in test-and-stay or quarantine and only one positive test in isolation. Since the start of the 2021-22 academic year, there have been 208 positive tests.

Desmarais said that ORR Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson told her that the state agencies have moved on to a different testing strategy. Effective February 7, test-and-stay and contact tracing will no longer be practiced but replaced by at-home antigen (rapid) testing. Symptomatic testing will remain part of the ORR School District strategy.

Tabor Academy has had 153 positive Covid tests since the start of school.

On February 1, the Town of Marion received antigen tests, and a drive-up distribution to residents was scheduled for Monday.

The Board of Health voted to approve the FY23 Health Department budget as presented by Desmarais.

While telling the board that the annual budget figure is the same as FY22, Desmarais noted some tweaks. She increased the budget to pay for training and certifications for herself and Health Agent Ana Wimmer, along with funds to contract a registered sanitarian and for soil-evaluation services. Compensatory cuts will come out of travel, among other areas.

"I also decreased a little bit in the health services because we do have a revolving fund. We've been using some of that money to pay for the some of the clinics. The staff, they're helping out with that," said Desmarais.

In her January report to the board, Wimmer said the department held one perc test and one food inspection.

Along with updates on ongoing septic projects, Wimmer noted two new septic applications received in the final week of January at 91A Allen's Point Road and at 498B Point Road and two new plans during the first week of February at the Edwards Bridge Road subdivision and Deer Run No. 4. All are in "a state of waiting" according to Wimmer.

Wimmer reported on correspondence with Congressman Keating's office regarding 514 Front Street, where the occupant received a 30-day order to correct on January 10.

"There seems to be a little bit of a discrepancy between what I'm hearing from the occupant and what I'm hearing from the management company and," said Wimmer, who told the board that the management company says it is trying to address the violations but is hitting some roadblocks. "Obviously, I don't know either super well so I don't know who's telling the truth, and we'll

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Wimmer said she accompanied Animal Control Officer Sue Connor on a visit to 464 Front Street. The visit revealed no violations of the housing code indoors, but Wimmer said safety issues outside needed attention including broken glass strewn about on the lawn.

With "several children living in the house," Wimmer gave the occupant 30 days to repair that situation. Cats were found in two trailers on the property, and Wimmer described it as an environment where pests and rodents can get in.

Hoffer said the property has been a sore spot in the community for years.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, February 17, at 4:00 pm.

Bulldogs Blaze through Pool of Competitors

Sports Roundup
By Matthew Curry

After a turbulent season, the Old Rochester Regional High School boys swim team came out on top in the South Coast Conference Championship meet on February 3 with a score of 332. Michael "Skip" Holmes placed first in the 200 freestyle and 100 breaststroke, Sean Lund won the 200 individual medley and 100 freestyle and the 400 freestyle relay of Lund, Holmes, Sam Harris and Jaymison Gunschel also placed first.

The girls team placed second at the meet with second-place finishes from Emma Whittaker in the 50 and 500 freestyles, Quinn O'Brien-Nichols in diving, Abigail Daniels in the 100 freestyle and the 400 freestyle relay team of Whittaker, Daniels, Katie Anderson, and Corrine Hibbert.

The road to the championship has been a bumpy one



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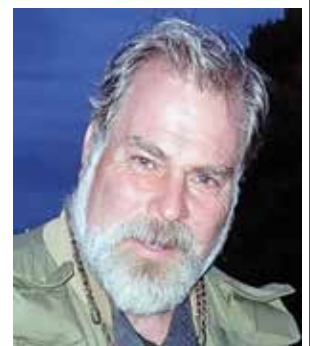
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7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM On the Move
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9:00 AM Recovery Fitness
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Classroom Chronicle: Sports Edition
11:00 AM Lucy's World of Painting
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Rob Surette SunnySpeak Interview
2:00 PM Sipican Historical Society Oral History - Anne Webb
3:02 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltracast
4:30 PM Mattapoissett Fire Station Grand Opening
5:00 PM A Conversation With...
5:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Alzheimer's Risks with Jennifer Hoadley
7:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Registers Report
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday February 11, 2022

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Health Source
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
3:30 PM Armchair QB
4:00 PM Paltracast

4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:30 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Updates
6:57 PM Rochester COA - Senior Scams
7:30 PM In the Toy Box
8:00 PM Mattapoissett Fire Station Grand Opening
8:30 PM The Non-Profit World
9:00 PM Paltracast
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday February 12, 2022

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Recovery Fitness
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations on Mental Health
11:00 AM Wellness Wednesday
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
2:00 PM Garden Therapy
2:40 PM Hollywood Costume Designer Ruth E. Carter
3:30 PM Inspiring Careers
4:00 PM Paltracast
4:30 PM Libraries in the Modern Day
5:12 PM Car Enthusiast with Richard Cutler
5:30 PM For Art's Sake
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Tri-County Symphony Orchestra Brass Quartet
7:30 PM Off the Shelf - Books on Tour
8:00 PM City Hall Insider
8:30 PM Money Matters TV
9:00 PM Registers Report
9:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:00 PM 4 Deep Sports
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday February 13, 2022

6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM White House Chronicle
7:00 AM Governor Baker Covid-19 Updates
7:30 AM The Art of Being Human

8:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Conversations in Mental Health
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Sipican Historical Society Oral History - Katy Babbitt
2:30 PM OC Boys Basketball vs Upper Cape Tech
4:00 PM Paltracast
4:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
5:00 PM The World Fusion Show
5:30 PM In the Toy Box
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Alzheimer's Risks with Jennifer Hoadley
7:01 PM This is America & The World
7:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
8:02 PM Reel Smaht
8:30 PM Pete on the Street
9:00 PM Fan to Fan
9:30 PM Books and the World
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Monday February 14, 2022

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Health Expert
8:30 AM You and Your Health
9:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Glass Studio on Cape Cod
11:00 AM Lucy's World of Painting
11:30 AM Learning Music with Pat
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM Arts Alive
4:00 PM Paltracast
4:30 PM Mattapoissett Library - Rare Books
5:30 PM Recovery Recreation TV
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
7:00 PM The Friends of Jack

Foundation
7:30 PM Beyond My Crisis
8:00 PM Pete on the Street
8:30 PM Reeling Movie Review
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday February 15, 2022

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM You and Your Health
8:30 AM Health Expert
9:07 AM Wellness Wednesday
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM The Friends of Jack Foundation
11:30 AM Cape Conversations
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Garden Therapy Teas and Oils
2:00 PM The Non-Profit World
2:30 PM Garden Talk with Teresa
3:00 PM Car Enthusiasts with Richard Cutler
3:30 PM Life's Happy Stories
4:00 PM Paltracast
4:30 PM Reel Smaht
5:00 PM The Friends of Jack Foundation
5:35 PM Off the Shelf
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM The Friends of Jack Foundation
7:30 PM Beyond my Cui
8:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
9:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday February 16, 2022

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Health Source
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations in Mental Health
11:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment

1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM Wellness Wednesdays
3:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
3:35 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltracast
4:30 PM OC Boys Basketball vs Upper Cape Tech
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
7:30 PM Registers Report
8:03 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Backyard Birds
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT

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7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:30 AM Marion Planning Board
10:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
12:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
1:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee
2:00 PM Marion Board of Health
3:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
6:00 PM Marion School Committee
7:00 PM Marion Marine Resources Commission
8:00 PM Marion Water Sewer Commissioners Meeting
10:00 PM Marion Finance Committee

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
7:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
8:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
9:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:00 AM Rochester School Committee
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9:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
10:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
11:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

EDUCATION CHANNEL

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7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM ORR Joint School Committee
10:00 AM ORR School Committee
11:30 AM Old Colony Skills USA Awards Ceremony
12:00 PM The Human Truth
12:30 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:00 PM FORM Choral Concert
2:00 PM ORRHS Graduation 2021
3:30 PM Old Colony Graduation 2021
5:00 PM ORRHS Holiday Concert 2021
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM OC Boys Basketball vs Upper Cape Tech
7:30 PM OC Girls Basketball vs South Shore Tech
8:30 PM ORR Ice Hockey vs Dartmouth
10:00 PM Unified Basketball vs Dighton Rehoboth
11:00 PM OC Boys Basketball vs Norfolk County

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SHERMAN'S LAGOON by J.P. Toomey




for the Bulldogs and started before the season itself when a pipe under the pool at New Bedford High School, where Old Rochester has practiced and held meets in previous years, was causing a leak. Repairing the pipe required the pool floor to be ripped up, leaving the Bulldogs without a pool and putting their season in limbo.

"We were relieved and excited to find out that Apponequet and Middleboro were able to give us pool time on such a short notice," said ORR swim coach Sarah Robinson.

However, while they were able to get pool time in, it was very limited, forcing the Bulldogs to take a different approach on days where they couldn't get into the water. "This season we introduced a more regimented dryland program for the swimmers on Monday and Tuesday to make up for the lack of pool time," said Robinson.

Next up for ORR is states on February 26-27 at Boston University, and Coach Robinson has high hopes for the meet. "We are hoping to swim hard and aiming to make the top 10 in Michael 'Skip' Holmes' and Sean Lund's individual events. Skip made the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle and 100 breaststroke for states, and Sean made the 100 freestyle, 200



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freestyle, 500 freestyle and 200 individual medley. Skip Holmes, Zack Travis, Sam Harris and Sean Lund made the 200 medley relay, and Sean Lund, Jayimson Gunschel, Sam Harris and Skip

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Patricia A. (Gamble) Sherman, 85, of Fairhaven died January 31, 2022 at Tobey Hospital.

She was the wife of the late Gerald Sherman.

Born in New Bedford, daughter of the late Charles C. and Hazel B. (Hammond) Gamble, she lived in New Bedford before moving to Fairhaven in 1971.

Mrs. Sherman was formerly employed as a secretary of the Special Needs Director for the Fairhaven School Department for many years until her retirement.

She enjoyed bird watching, walking, traveling to Georgia and Cape Cod, and spending time with family and friends, especially her beloved Grandson Weston.

Survivors include her son, Wayne Sherman and his wife Maria of Dartmouth; a daughter, Carla Sherman of Alpharetta, GA; a brother, Robert Gamble of Fall River; a sister, Barbara Santos of New Bedford; a grandson, Weston Sherman; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Hazel Damazo, Miriam Silva, Richard Gamble, Henry Gamble and Donald Gamble.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Tremont Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center for the outstanding care she received during her stay there.

Her visiting hours were held on Sunday, February 6th in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. Her Funeral Service was held on Monday, February 7th in the funeral home. Burial followed in Cushing Cemetery. For guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Doreen Frances (Sylvia) Nelsen, 79, passed away peacefully Thursday, February 3, 2022, at her home in Fairhaven from complications related to Alzheimer's disease. She was the loving wife of 53 years to Merchant Marine Captain Dean F. Nelsen.

Raised in Mattapoisett, Doreen was the daughter of Frank F. Sylvia of Mattapoisett and Mary (Benton) Sylvia of Dartmouth. Both parents are deceased.

Doreen spent most of her adult life in Fairhaven. For 34 years, she served as a music teacher, rising to become the Director of Fine Arts for the Fairhaven Public Schools. She not only supervised the music and arts teachers throughout the system, but also taught daily choral music classes. Three generations of Fairhaven students saw their beloved "Mrs. Nelsen" as the enthusiastic and passionate music teacher who set the bar high and demanded their best efforts. Under her creative leadership, students will remember numerous musical operettas from Gilbert and Sullivan operettas to amazing orchestral performances. She identified talented and gifted students whom she would nurture and assist throughout their musical careers.

Doreen began her own musical career at age 7 when she started piano lessons and was quickly recognized as being musically gifted. At age 10, she was playing concerts at the Mattapoisett Grange Hall, and by age 12, she was playing the organ for services in her parish church. After attending Mattapoisett Schools, Doreen graduated from Fairhaven High School in 1960. She earned her bachelor's degree in music from Manhattanville College, and a master's degree from the Hartt School of the Arts, at the University of Hartford. Doreen first taught music in New Britain, CT, and later in Wareham,

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Mattapoisett and finally in Fairhaven where she remained for the rest of her career.

Doreen was renowned for her annual productions of the Acushnet Classic Ensemble (ACE), a summer orchestra comprised of motivated student musicians recruited from throughout the region. Among the many free offerings for the community, Doreen created Concerts in the Park, at the Cushman Park Band Shell. She was a committed member of the board of directors of FAME, the Fairhaven Association for Music Education. She was a proud member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a sorority of educators, and she was also a devoted member of the Fairhaven Colonial Club. She was honored by being listed in "The Who's Who among America's Teachers" and in 2003, Doreen was named the Fairhaven Citizen of the year. She retired from her teaching position in 2007.

Doreen is survived by her devoted husband, Captain Dean Nelsen; her loving son, Dr. Derek Andrew Nelsen and his wife, Jen Huang, and their two sons, Owen S. Nelsen, and Benjamin D. Nelsen, from Chapel Hill, NC; her two sisters, Nancy K. Paquin, and Beverly J. Sylvia-Boska; and two sisters-in-law, Linda Barker of Michigan and Inez Richards of Arizona; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins from the Southcoast area. Doreen was the mother of the late Craig Stuart Nelsen.

According to Doreen's wishes, she will be cremated. Due to the presence of Covid-19, no gathering will be held at this time. Friends and family members will be invited to a Celebration of Life on Doreen's birthday, September 26, 2022, at the Nelsens' home in Fairhaven, weather or COVID permitting.

Please honor the family's kind and respectful wishes for no calls or visitors during this period of grief and mourning.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested for a memorial music scholarship in Doreen's name that is being organized by her son, Dr. Derek A. Nelsen. Please mail or submit on-line to: The Doreen F. Nelsen Music Education Scholarship Fund (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/doreen-f-nelsen-music-education-scholarship-fund>) or checks may be mailed to P.O. Box 4 Fairhaven, MA 02719. It is the family's hope that a scholarship can be presented each year to a FHS graduating senior who will carry on Doreen's legacy in pursuing a career in music or music education.

Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals, 495 Park St., New Bedford. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Thomas A. Schroder, 63, of Mattapoisett, died Feb. 1, 2022 in St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford. He was the husband of Birgitt Schroder and the son of the late Angelika and Horst Schroder.

He was born in Berlin, Germany. He went to an American International school in Dusseldorf where he grew up. In 1977 he came to the United States to attend

Bradford College in Haverhill, MA. There he made many friends that stayed with him his entire life. That and the love he had for this country made him stay. He moved to WilliamSPORT, PA back to Salem, MA and then Farmington, CT before moving to Mattapoisett in 1987 making that his home.

Tom worked as a salesman his whole life, his love and knowledge for trucks and people made him a great salesman which was appreciated by many. Tom had a positive outlook on life and the greatest patience. His family could ask him anything at any time and he always had an answer.

He was passionate about music, barbequing and gardening with his family. He left a big impression on many but will be missed most by his family. Tom leaves behind his wife, Birgitt Schroder; 4 sons, Marcus Schroder, Simon Schroder and his wife Elizabeth, Julian Schroder and Emerson Schroder all of Mattapoisett; a sister, Carolyn Foerster of Dusseldorf, Germany; a brother, Oliver Schroder of Lembrich, Germany; 3 nephews, Felix Schroder, Vincent Schroder and Fynn Foerster.

Funeral services will be private.

Donations in his memory may be made to a charity of one's choice. Arrangements by Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham. To leave a message of condolence visit: www.chapmanfuneral.com



It is with great sadness and sorrow that we announce the passing of a wonderful man, **James Francis McDonald**. He passed on 30 January, 2022 at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, MA due to complications from COVID-19.

He was the son of James Bernard McDonald and Florence (O'Hara) McDonald, born on 29 March, 1946 in Boston. He was always proud of his Boston Irish heritage throughout his life.

He joined the military at the age of 19 and served multiple tours of duty in the Air Force and Army National Guard. During his illustrious military career, he enlisted 681 men and women into the Army National Guard. Many of these men and women went on to serve and experience great military careers of their own. He retired in 1989, not due to any choice of his own, but due to medical conditions. If it were up to him, he would have served indefinitely.

After retirement, he enjoyed SPACE-A traveling where ever the plane took him. His most favorite location was Japan, where he had made many friends. They in turn, visited James in the U.S. multiple times and traveled to many different and memorable locations. Later in life he was able to relax and enjoy more time with friends and family.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Marsha McDonald; his brothers-in-law, Howard and wife DeeDee White of Waldorf, MD; Donald Weiner of Columbus, OH; Kenny and wife Regina Weiner of Daytona Beach, FL; David Weiner of Columbus, OH; James and wife Bobbi Weiner of Columbus, OH; and his sisters-in-law, Susan and husband

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Eddie Lehman of Canal Winchester, OH, and Sandra White of Columbus, OH.

He leaves behind his son James Patrick McDonald and Cherie Aho and her children of Ashby, MA; his daughter Amy Hall and her family of Naples, FL; his son Michael Patrick McDonald and his wife Cheyne and their children, Brennah, Abigail, and Isabelle of New Ipswich, NH; his daughter Marissa Hilton and her husband Matthew and their children, James, Caroline, and Jonathan of Marion, MA. His son Timothy James McDonald predeceased him on 22 October, 2017.

He also is survived by his sisters Patricia Agonis and Elizabeth Devens of Lunenburg, MA, and their children, Peter Flack, David Devens, Daniel Flack, Ryan Devens, and Patrick Agonis, and many friends in Japan and Korea as well as his son Tim's friends, Allie, Sheena, Laura, and Jeff who always supported the family during these years.

The family would like to give thanks to the doctors and nurses at St. Luke's Hospital and the Veterans Affairs Healthcare System for the care and kindness shown to James.

His memorial visitation will be held on Saturday February 12th from 1-4 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett, with military honors occurring at 1 pm. A burial service will be held at a later date. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Richard D. Webb "Dick", loving husband, father of two, and grandfather of three passed away peacefully at age 95 on February 6th, 2022.

Dick was born on January 15, 1927 in Yonkers, New York to then British citizens Richard and Lydia Webb. Dick attended high school at Brunswick School in Greenwich, Connecticut and then went on to graduate from Duke University in 1949 with a BA in political science. On January 16, 1954 he married Anne Braitmayer. They began their married life sharing time between Greenwich, Connecticut and Southern Pines, North Carolina. They began summering in Marion, Massachusetts in the mid 1960's. After retirement, Marion replaced Greenwich, and eventually became their only residence. They were together until Anne passed away on October 6th, 2021.

After college, Dick went to work for his father in the New York offices of the British W.D. Bush Company, an essential oils business. He was a natural salesman and entrepreneur, which guided his business story through purchasing the American assets of the Bush company, and later selling them, while creating joint ventures around lemon and lime oils. In 1962 he joined the A. M. Todd company of Kalamazoo, Michigan as a vice president and an investor, adding the citrus business to what had historically been a business focused upon peppermint and spearmint. Dick retired as a director from the A.M. Todd Group in 2002.

Gregarious and outgoing, Dick loved politics, horses, and sailing. He most often acted in politics behind the scenes

as the campaign manager for Lowell Weicker's successive and successful bids for Greenwich first selectman, Connecticut state representative, U.S. congress, and U.S. senator for the state of Connecticut. Dick subsequently ran and was elected as second selectman in Greenwich.

Dick's lifelong passion for horseback riding began in his youth when he competed in open jumping classes on his beloved horse, Tops'l. In his late teens Dick competed with Tops'l at the National Horse Show in Madison Square Garden, earning reserve champion. While a student at Duke, Dick discovered the equestrian community in Southern Pines, where his love for foxhunting was cemented under the wing of Virginia (Ginny) Walthour Moss. In 1964 he became a Joint Master of the Moore County Hounds with Ginny and her husband W. O. (Pappy) Moss. Dick was active nationally in support of foxhunting, and eventually served as President of the Master of Foxhounds of North America.

Dick and Anne travelled extensively. At the start of their marriage, there were annual visits to England for business, which were accomplished by sea. Dick had a love of the old Queen Mary, on which he travelled as an 8-year-old for her maiden New York-to-London passage. Anne and Dick explored the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, and elsewhere in a variety of modes from canal trips to cruises, to equestrian tours.

They also shared a love of the sea. There were a succession of sailboats named Andic, with the nominal homeport of Anne's hometown of Marion, Massachusetts. They cruised and day-sailed in both Connecticut and Massachusetts. Dick enjoyed offshore sailing and participated in nine successive Marion Bermuda races beginning with the inaugural race in 1977. Seven of those races were on board the Karina owned by Anne's twin brother, Jack Braitmayer. These were family affairs with sons, son-laws, and daughters of the two fleshing out the crew.

Dick believed in giving back to the things he loved. In addition to the the Master of Foxhounds Association of North America, he served as president of the board at Brunswick School and president of the board of the Walthour-Moss Foundation.

Dick was preceded in death by his wife Anne. He is survived by his son R. Davis Webb Jr. (Jennifer), his daughter Nancy Webb Corkery (David); his three grandchildren Kevin Corkery (Lucie), Kyle Corkery, and Audrey Webb; and his great grandson William Corkery.

The family wishes to thank Jodie Thatcher and her team at Able Hands Home Services for the extraordinary care and attention they gave to both Anne and Dick.

His private arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the New Bedford Whaling Museum: www.whalingmuseum.org or the Walthour-Moss Foundation: www.walthour-moss.org



MOVIE REVIEW

Playing the Hits

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***Ghostbusters: Afterlife*. Starring Carrie Coon and Paul Rudd. Directed by Jason Reitman. Running time: 124 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now available on physical and streaming home media.**

It's useless to deny it: near the end of *Ghostbusters: Afterlife*, when the spectre of Harold Ramis stepped in to help save the day, it got a little dusty in the room. Soft and warm where the original 1984 *Ghostbusters* was sharp and cool, this legacy sequel is all about continuing the work of our elders and honoring their memory — doubly so, since it's directed by Jason Reitman, son of the original's director Ivan. So it's made with palpable love and nostalgia. I fell for it while not being all that interested in the story: it's Gozer again, looking for her Keymaster and setting ghosts on the loose, this time in a rusty town in Oklahoma.

Taking the *Ghostbusters* franchise out of an urban environment (even the unpopular 2016 *Ghostbusters*, which I liked, unfolded in New York City) isn't as jarring as I would have thought. The new setting of Summerville gives us nifty places for ghosts to hang out: a spooky mine (whence came the metal that built the haunted building in the '84 film), a dilapidated farmhouse once owned by the recently departed Egon Spengler. Egon's ignored daughter Callie (MVP Carrie Coon) heads to the house with her two kids Trevor (Finn Wolfhard) and Phoebe (Mckenna Grace), who takes after her grandfather in her fixation on science. Throw in Paul Rudd as a geologist/summer-school teacher, who develops a snarky but genuine interest in Callie, and you have a recipe for a gentle, good-hearted comedy with more emphasis on family ties than on loud laughs.

As everyone knows by now, the surviving three original busters — Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Ernie Hudson — turn up at the climax to finish their business with Gozer. Aykroyd's Ray Stanton appears before then, fielding a late-night call from Phoebe. At first, Ray is hostile about Egon, but when he learns Egon has passed, he softens and saddens. I'm probably the only one who remembers the moment in *Blues Brothers 2000* when Elwood Blues gets out of jail after 18 years and finds out, at a respectful distance from the camera, that Jake has died and nobody told him. I reflected on that here, when



Aykroyd yet again must convey mourning for a fallen comrade. He doesn't owe us this kind of thing, but it gives *Afterlife* some texture and emotional shading.

Unlike 1989's *Ghostbusters II*, which re-introduced our heroes struggling to entertain at kiddie parties, this sequel puts the old-timers pretty much where we want them to be after all these years. (Oddly, Murray's iconic character Peter Venkman has not only left ghostbusting but science itself, though Venkman always seemed like the type who shrugged and nodded at a quasi-scientific career because the work seemed easy.) Meanwhile, the young new cast, including a motormouth self-named Podcast, sometimes edges the movie closer to another '80s movie that followed *Ghostbusters* a summer later, *The Goonies* (though, thankfully, it's not nearly as loud and obnoxious). Whenever possible, Reitman apes the slick aesthetic of his father's film — Rob Simonsen's music bites big chunks from Elmer Bernstein's original score (with the help of Bernstein's son Peter: more family ties!); Eric Steelberg's cinematography tries for László Kovács' dynamic lighting, big on horizontal lens flares bisecting the frame.

Carrie Coon is wonderful throughout as a frazzled but sarcastic mother on her uppers, and when Zuul takes over her body she seems ready to take off into orbit as the possessed Sigourney Weaver did in the first film. But Reitman, perhaps trying to bring the movie in at not too much longer than two hours, turns her into a terror dog too soon. I'd like her to return for more *Ghostbusters*, if there is any (if there *should* be any). Ditto Mckenna Grace, who carries on the recent tradition of female ghostbusters. (Finn Wolfhard doesn't register much except as the driver of the old Ectomobile.) But this film puts an effective period on the saga, for me at least. Unless the writers can come up with something other than riffs on the original, I'm afraid the bittersweet nostalgia of *Ghostbusters: Afterlife* is the sort of thing that can only work once.

Holmes made the 400 freestyle relay."

Boys Basketball

The Bulldogs picked up two wins at home last week, starting things off on February 2 against Bourne. **Steven Morrell** scored 19 points, **Jacob Smith** scored 12, and **Sawyer Fox** scored 11 on their way to a 63-48 win. They followed up the win on February 5 when they defeated Dighton-Rehoboth, 66-54. **Liam Geraghty** led with 21 points, while Fox and Smith contributed 19 and 11, respectively. Old Rochester visited Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech on Tuesday and will visit Somerset Berkley on Friday, February 11, at 6:30 pm.

Girls Basketball

The Lady Bulldogs extended their win streak on February 2 with a win on home court against Falmouth. **Maddie Wright** scored 19 points on the way to a 54-36 win. Also contributing was **Logan Fernandes** who scored 9 points as well as **Maggie Brogioli** and **Tess Adams** who each scored 6 points. Old Rochester followed up the win on Monday with a 67-37 win against Dighton-Rehoboth. Wright scored 22 points while Fernandes and Brogioli each scored 15. The Bulldogs hosted Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech on Tuesday and will host Somerset-Berkley on Friday, February 11, at 6:30 pm.

Hockey

After a 3-2 loss to Dennis-Yarmouth on February 2, Old Rochester's boys' hockey team got back on track with two straight wins. The first came on February 5 when they defeated Wareham/Carver 8-1. The Bulldogs followed it up on Monday when they picked up a 4-2 win over Apponequet/Connolly. They faced the Lakers again on Wednesday and will visit Diman-Voke on Friday, February 11, at Driscoll Arena in Fall River.

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Rick Cantwell and friend Kaylin recently visited the beautiful Honduran isle of Roatan.



On February 6, Old Rochester Regional High School senior Eddie Gonet was named a finalist in the annual Massachusetts VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition. Photo courtesy of ORR School District



Angelica Point by Nancy Prefontaine



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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor;

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to the Mattapoisett Police Officers and EMTs for the fast and efficient way that they handled our 911 call on Wednesday, February 2nd. Their courteousness and professionalism was outstanding.

Thanks again,
Helen M. Sylvia, Mattapoisett

Academic Achievements

The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the fall 2021 semester:

- Stephanie Dondyk of Marion (Honors)
- Quintin Palmer of Marion (High Honors)

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Jan 30-Feb 5

- Wareham Rd – General service
- Spring St – MV collision
- Quail's Crossing Rd – Officer wanted
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Mill St – A&B/past
- Green St – Gunshots reported
- Front St – Transport
- Route 195 East – MV collision
- Pleasant St – MV complaint
- Pine Hill Ln – Health/welfare
- Pine Hill Ln – Annoying phone calls
- School St – Animal complaint
- Route 195 West MV stop/arrest
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Pleasant St – Officer wanted
- Spring St – Follow up investigation
- Doran Way – Follow up investigation
- Mill St – Abandoned property
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Edgewater Ln – Disturbance
- Olde Knoll Rd – Animal complaint
- Cranberry Way – Suspicious person
- Front St – Suspicious activity
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Route 195 East – MV collision
- County Rd – MV collision
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – Officer wanted
- Front St – Suspicious activity

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Jan 30-Feb 5

- Cannon St – Health/welfare
- County Rd – 911 call
- Water St – Parking complaint
- Depot St – Civil complaint
- Deerfield Rd – MV crash
- Antassawamock Rd – Gas smell
- Fairhaven Rd – Officer wanted
- Cathaway Ln – MV crash
- I195 East – MV crash
- Marion Rd – Assist other agency
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- County Rd – Restraining order
- Angelica Ave – Medical/assist
- Cannon St – Health/welfare
- Cannon St – 911 call
- Church St – MV crash
- Acushnet Rd – Medical/assist
- Pine Rd – Animal control
- Melissa Anne Ln – Animal control
- North St – MV crash
- Cannon St – Unwanted person
- Shawmut Rd – 911 call
- Beach St – 911 call
- Lynfield Ln – Ambulance request
- Marion Rd – Medical/assist
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Cannon St – Peace officer
- Park St – Health/welfare

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Jan 30-Feb 5

- Cranberry Hwy - Medical
- Burgess Ave – 911 call
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Walnut Plain Rd - Vandalism
- Mendell Rd – MV collision
- Stuart Rd – Suspicious activity
- Marys Pond Rd – Assist other agency
- Pine St – Animal control
- Hartley Rd – Suspicious activity
- County Rd – MV stop/arrest
- North Ave – Road hazard
- Hartley Rd – MV collision
- Dexter Ln - Medical
- North Ave - Larceny
- Marys Pond Rd – MV collision
- Featherbed Ln - Larceny
- High St – MV collision
- North Ave – 911 call
- Braley Hill Rd – 911 call
- Paulines Way – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – Well being check
- Boxturtle Dt – Suspicious activity
- High St – 911 call
- Cushman Rd - Medical
- Pine St – Follow up
- Gerrish Rd - Medical
- Marys Pond Rd – MV collision
- New Bedford Rd - Medical
- Negus Way – Suspicious activity

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Feb 14: Chicken Cordon Bleu, whipped sweet potato, Italian blend vegetable, pumpernickel bread, mixed fruit
Tuesday, Feb 15: American chop suey, mixed vegetable, whole wheat roll, Mandarin oranges
Wednesday, Feb 16: Chicken paella w/sausage, broccoli, oatmeal roll, banana
Thursday, Feb 17: Roast turkey w/rosemary gravy, parsley mashed potato, winter squash, honey wheat bread, chocolate chip cheesecake, diet: pound cake
Friday, Feb 18: Tuna noodle casserole, carrot coins, multigrain roll, pineapple

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 14: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, baked beans, oven baked French fries, chilled mixed fruit
Tuesday, Feb 15: Taco nacho platter, black bean & corn salad
Wednesday, Feb 16: Warm egg & cheese croissant, hashbrown patty, crazy carrots, strawberry

cup

Thursday, Feb 17: Baked ziti, whole grain dinner roll, mixed vegetables
Friday, Feb 18: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, chilled mixed fruit

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Feb 14: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, baked beans, oven baked French fries, chilled mixed fruit

Tuesday, Feb 15: Taco nacho platter, black bean & corn salad
Wednesday, Feb 16: Warm egg & cheese croissant, hashbrown patty, crazy carrots, strawberry cup

Thursday, Feb 17: Baked ziti, whole grain dinner roll, mixed vegetables
Friday, Feb 18: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, chilled mixed fruit

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Feb 14: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, baked beans, oven baked French fries, chilled

mixed fruit

Tuesday, Feb 15: Taco nacho platter, black bean & corn salad
Wednesday, Feb 16: Warm egg & cheese croissant, hashbrown patty, crazy carrots, strawberry cup

Thursday, Feb 17: Baked ziti, whole grain dinner roll, mixed vegetables
Friday, Feb 18: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, chilled mixed fruit

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Feb 14: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, baked beans, oven baked French fries, chilled mixed fruit

Tuesday, Feb 15: Taco nacho platter, black bean & corn salad
Wednesday, Feb 16: Warm egg & cheese croissant, hashbrown patty, crazy carrots, strawberry cup

Thursday, Feb 17: Baked ziti, whole grain dinner roll, mixed vegetables
Friday, Feb 18: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, chilled mixed fruit

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 14: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, baked beans, oven baked French fries, chilled mixed fruit

Tuesday, Feb 15: Taco nacho platter, black bean & corn salad
Wednesday, Feb 16: Warm egg & cheese croissant, hashbrown patty, crazy carrots, strawberry cup

Thursday, Feb 17: Baked ziti, whole grain dinner roll, mixed vegetables
Friday, Feb 18: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, chilled mixed fruit

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Feb 14: Teriyaki beef stir fry bowl

Tuesday, Feb 15: Chicken nuggets, fries & bread
Wednesday, Feb 16: American chop suey, green beans & garlic bread
Thursday, Feb 17: Turkey club & fries
Friday, Feb 18: Assorted pizza

- Lauren Pina** of Marion (Highest Honors)
- Steven Carvalho** of Mattapoisett (High Honors)
- Serena O'Connell** of Mattapoisett (Highest Honors)
- Abigail Stark** of Mattapoisett (Highest Honors)
- William Stark** of Mattapoisett (Highest Honors)
- Jason Gamache** of Mattapoisett (Highest Honors)
- Caitlyn King** of Mattapoisett (High Honors)
- Kyah Woodland** of Rochester (Highest Honors)
- Carly Demanche** of Rochester (High Honors)
- Aidan Thayer** of Rochester (Highest Honors)
- Stephen Marston** of Rochester (Highest Honors)

A total of 2,054 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for WPI's Fall 2021 Dean's List. The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA.) Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects. The following students are Dean's List recipients:

- Rachel Foye** of Rochester, class of 2025, majoring in Data Science (BS)
- Michaela Mattson** of Marion, class of 2023, majoring in Biomedical Engineering (BS)
- Alexandria Sheehan** of Marion, class of 2025, majoring in Economic Science (BS)
- Paige Sommers** of Rochester, class of 2025, majoring in Biomedical Engineering (BS)

Bryant University is pleased to recognize the students who have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence and achievement. **Sydney Mendonca**, class of 2024, from Mattapoisett has been named to the President's List for the Fall 2021 semester.

In recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College has named **Sydney Teixeira** of Rochester, **Cassandra Ouellette** of Marion and **Mara Flynn** of Mattapoisett to the Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

Marion Democratic Town Committee Caucus

The Marion Democratic Town Committee will meet virtually at 5:00pm on **February 17** to elect three delegates and three alternates to the state Massachusetts Democratic Convention. The Convention will select Democratic Candidates for the September primary and will be held virtually and in person June 3 and 4 at the DCU Center, Worcester.

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as of February 4, 2022, may vote and be elected. Youth ages 16-35, people with disabilities, people of color and the LGBTQ community can also apply at the caucus or at massdems.org/ caucus.

The Zoom link for the caucus meeting is: us02web.zoom.us/j/85196336880?pwd=cjNpd2lhaWtjcXhOYjA4eWVmY0xIQT09

More information on the zoom link and for the meeting can be found on the Marion Democratic Town Committee Facebook page."

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Temper that Aries impatience. Demanding answers or results before they're ready to be revealed could create more delays. Take time out for fun with family or friends.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Someone involved in your latest venture makes new demands that you find disturbing. While you dislike being a quitter, it might be best to drop this project and move on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A decision could involve more serious implications than you first thought. Get more information and seek the counsel of trusted friends before you sign or say anything.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's a good time to reconsider some of your plans, especially those involving major investments of money and/or time. Expect to hear from someone in your past.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Love continues to dominate for both single and paired Lions. In the workplace, deal with a co-worker's thoughtless comments before they cause problems later on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might be angry enough to end a friendship because of something you were told. But consider the source of the gossip before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your career move seems to be stalled. Request a meeting to discuss the situation. It will be a learning experience for everyone involved.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) That important relationship is about to move to a new level. Continue to be patient, and resist pushing it even further. It still needs time to blossom.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Paired Sagittarians do very well at this time. However, some challenges loom for single Archers who are considering stronger romantic commitments.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Be patient. A misunderstanding is close to being completely resolved, as new facts emerge that will help change those stubborn minds.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A change in a personal relationship reveals some long-hidden truths. Your challenge now is to use this new information wisely for all concerned.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Draw on your deep reserves of good Piscean common sense to avoid taking the lure from someone who thinks he or she can get the best of you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a remarkable ability to make friends with strangers. This allows you to command an army of devoted admirers.

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Mattapoisett Cultural Council Seeks Volunteers

Are you interested in supporting community-based projects in the arts, humanities and sciences in Mattapoisett that enhance our quality of life? Each year, Mattapoisett Cultural Council awards funds for public cultural events such as plays and concerts, arts in the schools, community organizations, field trips for students to museums and performances and more. These programs promote the availability of rich cultural experiences for Mattapoisett residents.

Council members are municipally-appointed volunteers who help determine how to disburse available funds to individuals, schools and community organizations who apply for project support. Mattapoisett Cultural Council is seeking several new volunteers interested in serving as voting members to work together to allocate funding.

Council members are appointed for a term of three years. While we welcome members who appreciate the cultural life of our community, individuals with skills and experience in accounting, publicity, web design, public advocacy and event planning are particularly needed.

Information about the local cultural council program is available at massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/.

You can also find information about the Mattapoisett council at www.facebook.com/MattapoisettCC.

If you are interested or have questions about becoming a member, please contact kcdamaskos@gmail.com. Deadline March 10, 2022.

Mattapoisett to Distribute At-Home COVID-19 Test Kits

The Mattapoisett Select Board is pleased to announce that at-home COVID-19 test kits will be available for Mattapoisett residents to pick up at a drive-up distribution event Saturday, **February 12** from 11:00-1:00pm or while supplies last. This event will be for seniors over the age of 55; all seniors must be Mattapoisett Residents as well. Following events with more ages will be held until supplies run out. The event will be held at Center School, 17 Barstow Street. This will be a drive-up event, and those receiving test kits will not need to exit their vehicle.

The kits will be distributed on an age based first-come-first-served basis while supplies last and available to Mattapoisett residents only. We will be offering tests by age ranges until we run out of test kits to distribute. Each kit contains two tests. We are only providing one kit per a resident

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that comes to the drive-up event. Proof of residency will be required of all age groups.

Residents are also encouraged to order at-home COVID-19 tests from the federal government. Each U.S. household is entitled to free rapid COVID-19 tests, which can be ordered online at [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov). At the outset of the program, each household will be limited to four tests, which will be shipped free to homes via the United States Postal Service.

Information and guidance on self-testing can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website here. For guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health on what to do if you test positive, click here.

If you are a homebound resident seeking an at-home test kit, please call the Public Health Nurse at 508.758.4118.

Tales from Great Grandmother's Closet

The program speaker for the Mattapoisett Woman's Club **February 17** meeting is Abby Field. Her interest in historical clothing stems from a broader passion for history that began as a child. Her great grandmother, a member of the Fairhaven Colonial Club, dressed in Revolutionary War-era costumes for events.

For the most part, Ms. Field seldom wears modern clothing; she feels the contemporary clothing industry and its reliance on low-wage foreign workers is unethical. Ms. Field has a strong passion for historical textiles and the craftsmanship that went into making them.

Beginning with the clothing, Ms. Field's passion for history blossomed. She started the History Club at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, where she is a senior majoring in history.

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<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>The Town of Rochester Police Department will be conducting Alcohol Compliance Checks throughout the year of all establishments holding liquor licenses. Donald Kemmett Detective Rochester Police Department 2/3, 2/10</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1174</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Travis Andrade for property located at 9 Coombs Road, identified on Assessor's Map 44A, Lot 37, who is seeking a Variance under Chapter 20.40, Section D.1., for approval of the construction of a garage and mudroom addition less than 40 feet from the side lot setback requirement. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm as both a hybrid meeting at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA and on Zoom. To join the Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86813071374 Meeting ID: 868 1307 1374 One tap mobile: (646) 876-9923 David Arancio, Chairman 2/3, 2/10</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on February 22, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, 476 North Ave, Rochester, MA 02770 regarding a Site Plan Review Application, filed by Industrial Tower and Wireless, LLC, for property located at 0 High Street Rochester, MA 02770, Map 19 Lot 5. The applicant proposes the construction of a 190-foot monopole telecommunications tower requiring site plan approval. The applicant's representative is Industrial Tower and Wireless, LLC, 40 Lone Street, Marshfield, MA 02050. The property owner is A.D. Makepeace Company, 158 Tihonet Road, Wareham, MA 02571. The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Planning Board Office at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, Rochester, MA. Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82889351879 Meeting ID: 828 8935 1879 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 Arnold Johnson, Chairman 2/3, 2/10</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Request for a Determination Applicability submitted by Buzzards Bay Management, LLC. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.</p> <p>The Applicant proposes to remove and replace eleven floating dock anchor piles. Said work will occur within Land Under Ocean, Land</p>	<p>Containing Shellfish and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (E1, 20). The property is located at 21 Dupont Drive which is further identified as Lot #88 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #14B. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 2/10</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Town of Mattapoisett Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday March 21st, 2022, at 6:30 pm on a proposed Mattapoisett Solar Zoning Bylaw. The Solar Zoning Bylaw is available for review on the Town of Mattapoisett Webpage www.mattapoisett.net and copies are available at the Office of the Mattapoisett Selectboard, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA. 02739 between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm Monday thru Friday.</p> <p>Persons interested in the proposed By-law should join the Public Hearing on March 21st, 2022, at which time they can ask questions and give oral comments or submit written comments. Those wishing to be in attendance in person at this meeting may do so on March 21st, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room at 16 Main Street. This hearing will also be on Zoom the evening of March 21st, and can be accessed by the Zoom address at the bottom of this notice.</p> <p>On March 7th, 2022, on the regular agenda of the Mattapoisett Planning Board the proposed zoning bylaw will be on for informal general discussion and comments at 7 pm. This meeting will be part of the Planning Board's regular meeting agenda for March 7th 2022 and the notice of meeting as to location will be posted with the regular meeting location on the Town's Web Page, 48 hours in advance of the meeting pursuant to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law. Zoom Address for March 21st, 2022 Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84589492969?pwd=azNwRUQxOFpMVDMrOGx6Wm5pY3QrZz09 Meeting ID: 845 8949 2969 Passcode: 540111 Phone: 1 646 876 9923 2/10, 2/17</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 6:45 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall 1st floor Conference Room, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA upon the application of POI Market, 33 County Street, Store 5, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, for a new Wine and Malt Package Store License. The applicant and manager of record will be Michael Sudofsky, P. O. Box 186, Marion, MA.</p> <p>Zoom information will be provided in Select Board Posting. 2/10, 2/17</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 6:55 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 1st floor Conference Room, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, regarding an Alteration of Premise submitted by Turk's Seafood, Inc. located at 83 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA.</p>	<p>The applicant and manager on record is Richard Pasquill. The Alteration of Premise will be to permanently allow the outdoor dining patio built and used during COVID restrictions. Zoom information will be provided in Select Board Posting. 2/10, 2/17</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Community Preservation Committee will hold a public hearing on Friday February 18, 2022 beginning at 5:00 pm. The meeting will be held by Zoom with details available at the Town House. The agenda for this meeting is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review, amend and approve minutes of February 4, 2022 meeting • Review and discuss applications for CPA funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town of Marion – Town House Sprinkler and ADA Compliance Design and Bid Specification: \$124,000 - Town of Marion – Town House Main Street Restoration: \$240,000 - Marion Garden Group – Garden Irrigation Project: \$75,000 - Town of Marion Historical Commission – Cultural and Historic Resource Inventory: \$35,000 - Town of Marion Cushing Community Center Working Group – Fencing, Benches and Litter Receptacles: \$26,811 - Town of Marion Pathways Committee – Shared Use Path Easement Appraisals: \$18,000 - Sippican Historical Society – Preservation and Digitalization of Materials: \$25,000 - Town of Marion Open Space Committee – Great Swamp Forestry Plan: \$1,850 - Town of Marion Open Space Committee – Open Space Acquisition Criteria Update: \$8,600 - Marion Natural History Museum - Collections Cataloging, Displays & Exhibit Space Improvements: \$41,500 <p>Jeff Doubrava, CPC Chair 2/10, 2/17</p> <hr/> <p>off the mark by Mark Parisi</p>  <p>offthemark.com ©2022 Mark Parisi. 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While Ms. Field appreciates the lessons of history and the design of antique clothing, she does not reject modern society. She has an iPhone, uses a laptop, and is otherwise not very dissimilar from other millennials.

She is the youngest board member of the Mattapoisett and Sippican Historical Societies, and she helps out at the Marion Antique Shop. Ms. Field completed an internship at the New Bedford Whaling Museum.

The social hour for the meeting at the Mattapoisett



Congregational Church will start at 11:00 am. Current Covid protocols will be followed.

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is always open to new members from the south coast area. For more information and a membership application, please see the Club's website www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org/members/

Upcoming Events for Adults at the Mattapoisett Library

Mattapoisett Free Public Library offers a variety of programs for adults during the month of February.

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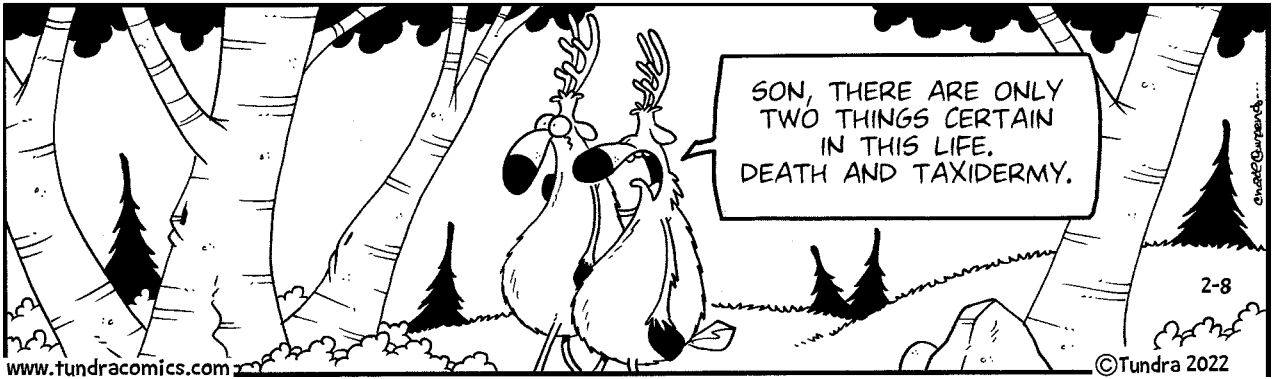
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Joy Marzolf of The Joys of Nature will be at the library on Sunday, **February 27** at 2 pm to talk about "Native Plant Gardening for Wildlife." Are you a butterfly or bird lover? The best way to attract local wildlife to your yard is to plant native plants. Animals need plants for many reasons including shelter and food. Many even have preferred food plants, so "if you plant it, they will come" in many cases. Learn how gardening choices can help you turn your garden into your own wildlife sanctuary.

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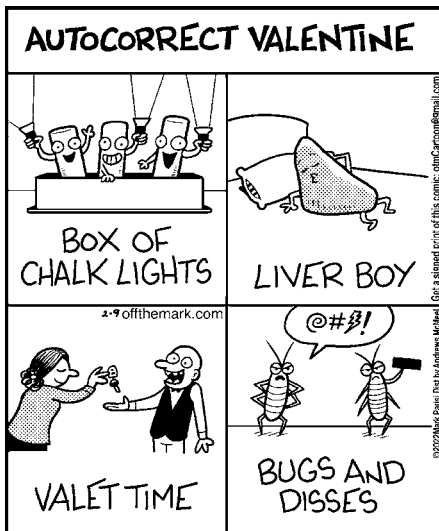
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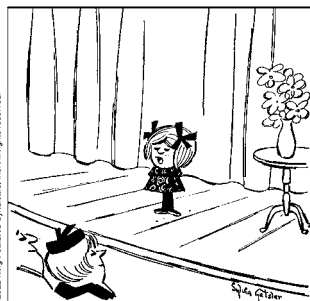


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Other events this month include:

Well-Read Wednesday, a nonfiction book discussion group, on Wednesday, **February 23** at 6:30 p.m. This month we are reading *On Juneteenth* by Annette Gordon-Reed. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the circulation desk.

Curious about Vegan Meat Alternatives: A Food Tasting on Saturday, **February 26** at 11:00 a.m. Stop by the library to sample a variety of vegan meat alternatives and vote on your favorites. Registration is required for this event due to supply limitations. Register online via our calendar of events or email to jjones@sailsinc.org.

Don't forget to sign up for the Winter Reading Program too. Looking for a way to jumpstart your 2022 reading challenge or to stay cozy through the cold, early months of the year? Participate in our Winter Reading Program. You could win a \$50 gift card. The program runs from **January 15 to March 26**. Patrons are welcome to participate on Beanstack or in paper form. Contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org with any questions.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

During the last two years many of us found new ways to entertain ourselves. We spent more time on outdoor sports (even in winter,) went on hikes, sat around fire rings and watched movies in the backyard. Many of these activities were bolstered by the need to get away from the screens that were dominating our work and school lives. We also got creative with drive by car parades to acknowledge important events.

Rochester residents in the 1900's, long before TV and the Internet, came up with a wide variety of ways to entertain themselves and their community. There were clubs: Men's, Women's, 4H and town sports teams. Church suppers and picnics, plays and variety shows put on at the Grange Hall and dances (seemingly every weekend) throughout the area provided plenty of entertainment.

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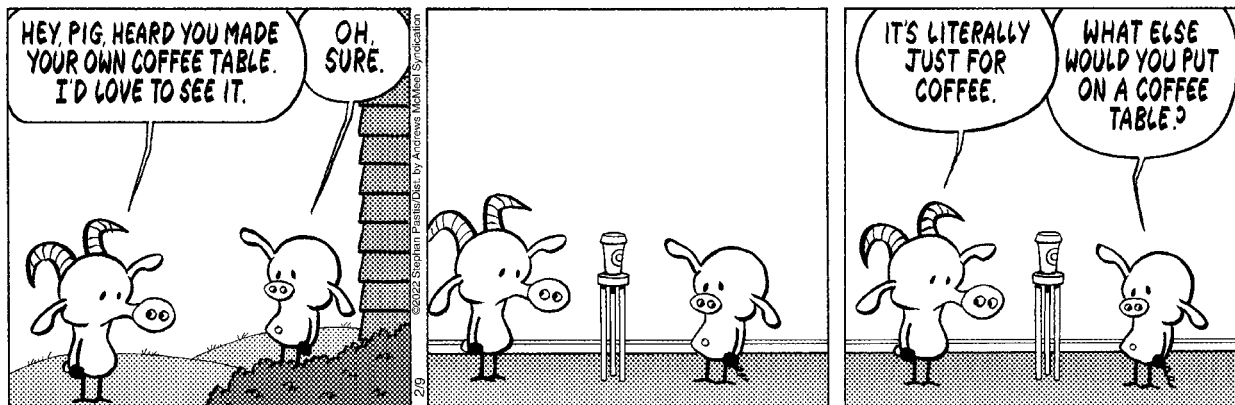
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On August 11, 1909, there was a circus parade around the Town Green. It was led by the Master of Ceremonies, Richard Stiles. Stiles was the great grandson of Rufus Savery who had lived in what was thought to be the oldest house in Rochester (the house was later torn down and moved to Bourne.) The parade included band wagons, townspeople in interesting costumes and a collection of exotic animals.

There was a Roman chariot driven by L.C. Humphrey's daughter, Helen, dressed in an appropriate costume. Her chariot was made from the wheel arch of her father's old mowing machine, a pole platform and a piece of old metal shaped to form the front. Tobey and Reuben, Humphrey's team of black horses pulled the chariot. Mr. Joseph Bradford also drove a team of horses, pulling a wagon in which he sat on a high seat, dressed in a borrowed suit and silk top hat.

The "exotic" animals included "Necko", the giraffe. Necko was made of cloth and was moved along by two boys hidden inside. One boy held a long pole to support the giraffe's head and neck. Mary Holmes, the circus' originator, rode astride her big black mare transformed into an elephant. The horse must have been very calm and patient as she was draped with gray cloth and had an elephant's head, complete with tusks and trunk that looked amazingly realistic. She was led by Maynard West dressed as a Turk with a cape, billowing trousers and a saber. Miss Marion Nevius walked along dressed as the Queen of Sheba. Perhaps the favorite of the children watching the parade



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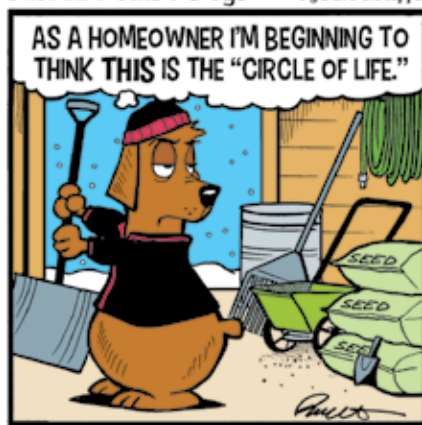
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Rayna Caplan	February 11
Alexis Mota	February 12
Dylan Pallatroni	February 12
Laura Eklund	February 12
Matthew Torres	February 12
Pauline M Romano	February 12
Trevor Oldham	February 12
Ty Evan MacKenzie	February 12
Caroline Thomas	February 13
Dan Eilertsen	February 13
Elijah Richards-Auld	February 13
Gary LeBlanc	February 13
Zack Mourao	February 13
Jordan Collyer	February 14
Kaylan Setler	February 14
Mia O'Connor	February 14
Paul Gagnon Jr.	February 14
Valentyna Bindas	February 14
Dimitri Wrightington	February 15
Jayda Dorothy Fortin	February 15
Rosemarie Lopez	February 15
Abigail DuPont	February 16
DJ MacDonald	February 16
Michael J. Casey	February 16
Michael Schroeder	February 16
Tanya Rottler	February 16

If you would like *The Wanderer* to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information on line to us at www.wanderer.com. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.



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On the Green, there was an "Indian" encampment with a large teepee (a Native American dwelling that would never have been found in the area) and school children dressed in costume. There were concession stands selling food and drink to all the attendees who were enjoying the one and only Rochester Circus.

Massachusetts VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship

Edward Gonet IV was awarded as a finalist in the annual Massachusetts VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition sponsored by the State Veterans of Foreign Wars



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of the United States and its Auxiliary. State winners were announced during an Awards Ceremony on Sunday, February 6th, 2022. The National theme for this year's competition was "America, Where Do We Go From Here?"

Edward, a Senior at Old Rochester Regional High School, took first place at the local level and was sponsored by Fort Phoenix VFW No. 2892 and its Auxiliary, Fairhaven. His



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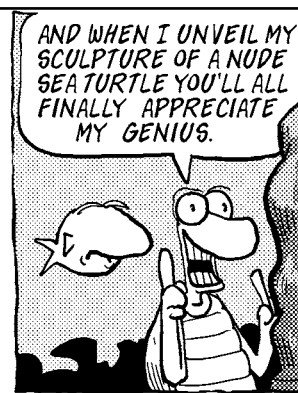
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SHERMAN'S LAGOON
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audio-essay was then entered into the District (Bristol County) contest, where he earned 1st place honors. As the District winner, he qualified for the State competition, with the judging being held this past January.

Eddie emphasized the importance of accountability, kindness and vision for a better tomorrow for our country to progress.

Established in 1947, the VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship competition provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves regarding a democratic and patriotic theme. Nearly 64,000 9-12 grade students from across the country enter each year, where more than \$2 million in educational scholarships and incentives are awarded through the program. The National winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship

Mattapoisett Museum

February 16, 6:30 pm - via Zoom with Helen Frink, author of *Oil, Ice & Bone: Arctic Whaler Nathaniel Ransom*. In 1860, fourteen-year-old Nathaniel Ransom followed his five older brothers into the dank foc'sle of a whaling vessel. For fifteen years he hunted seventy-ton bowheads in Arctic waters, for the many uses of "bone" blades of flexible baleen from the leviathan's enormous jaw, raised its value, even as petroleum replaced whale oil as a source of lighting. In 1871, Ransom survived the loss of thirty-two whaling vessels in the frigid waters off Alaska's Icy Cape. With him, he carried a journal – and kept it, as he and his shipmates jettisoned weapons and warm clothing to save their very lives. His eyewitness account of whaling's brutal slaughter and sudden losses is enriched by the author's affection for an ancestor she discovered through his journals a century after his death.

Helen Frink is the author of two town histories: *These Acworth Hills* (1989) and *Alstead Through the Years* (1992.) Her book, *Women after Communism; the East German Experience* (University Press of America, 2001) examines the effects on women of the transition from socialism to capitalism. After three decades teaching French, German, Women's Studies and Holocaust Studies, she retired from Keene State College as Professor Emerita of Modern Languages. Her exploration of family history brought her to the journals of great-grandfather



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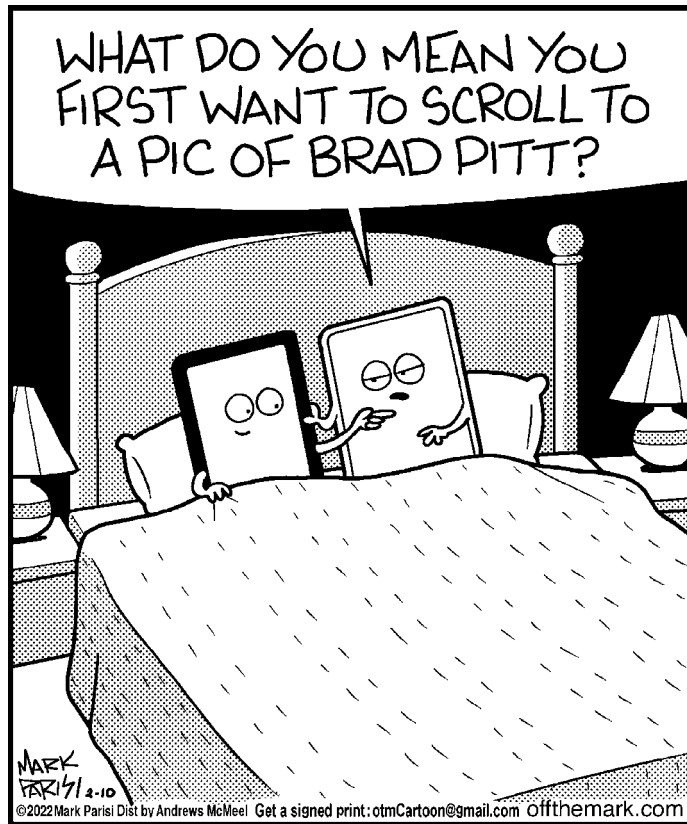
February 18, 6:00 pm - Southcoast Lessons presents Open Mic Night - The mic is yours! All ages and all genres welcome - sing a song, play an instrument, read your favorite poem, tell a story and enjoy what your community has to offer. **FREE**
February 27, 1:00 pm - Southcoast Lessons presents Old Time Fiddle Session - Join us for a gathering of traditional string band musicians and music lovers. Bring an instrument if you play, a seat if you've got one you love and yourself whether you play and own seating or not!

March 4, 6:00 pm - Southcoast Lessons presents New Sounds of Silents: silent films set to live music - Come on out for comedy, documentary and early special effects movies set to both improvised and newly composed pieces brought to you by Southcoast Lessons staff, students and guests. Free. Space is limited, registration encouraged, doors open at 6.

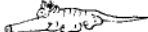
All events are free, but donations are always appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Contact Mattapoisett Museum at info@mattapoisettmuseum.org or Jeff Angeley at southcoastlessons@gmail.com for more information.

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Local Tides					
Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	February 10	3:00	3:23	9:51	8:47
Friday	February 11	4:06	4:27	10:41	9:51
Saturday	February 12	5:06	5:21	11:24	10:46
Sunday	February 13	5:52	6:05		12:01
Monday	February 14	6:29	6:44	12:04	12:43
Tuesday	February 15	7:04	7:21	12:18	1:20
Wednesday	February 16	7:38	7:59	1:01	1:53
Thursday	February 17	8:14	8:37	1:43	2:23
Friday	February 18	8:52	9:17	2:23	2:51
Saturday	February 19	9:32	10:00	3:02	3:21
Sunday	February 20	10:17	10:46	3:42	3:53
Monday	February 21	11:07	11:36	4:24	4:31
Tuesday	February 22		12:00	5:12	5:15
Wednesday	February 23	12:31	12:58	6:13	6:11
Thursday	February 24	1:30	1:59	7:42	7:21
Friday	February 25	2:35	3:07	9:39	8:45
Saturday	February 26	3:48	4:19	10:49	10:08
Sunday	February 27	4:57	5:22	11:42	11:16
Phases of the Moon		Full Moon Last Quarter New Moon First Quarter		February 16th February 23rd March 2nd March 10th	

 **I Found the Aardvark!**

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the February 3, 2022 edition the Aardvark was on page 13!

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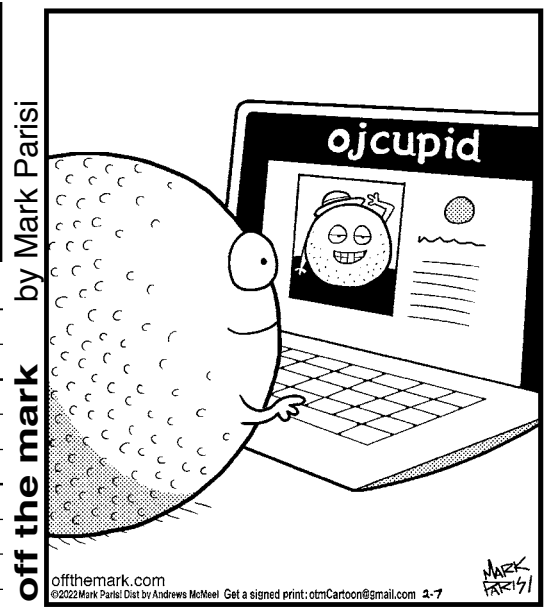
solution

1. Ingest 2. Charts
3. Prepare; 4. Trudge

Today's Word
SPEECH

Sudoku Answer

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1	4	5	9	6	2	7	3	8
7	6	8	3	5	4	9	2	1
4	8	9	1	2	5	3	6	7
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6	5	7	4	3	8	2	1	9
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